



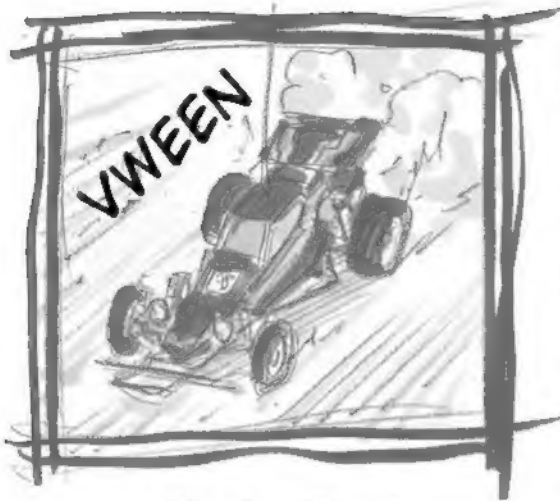
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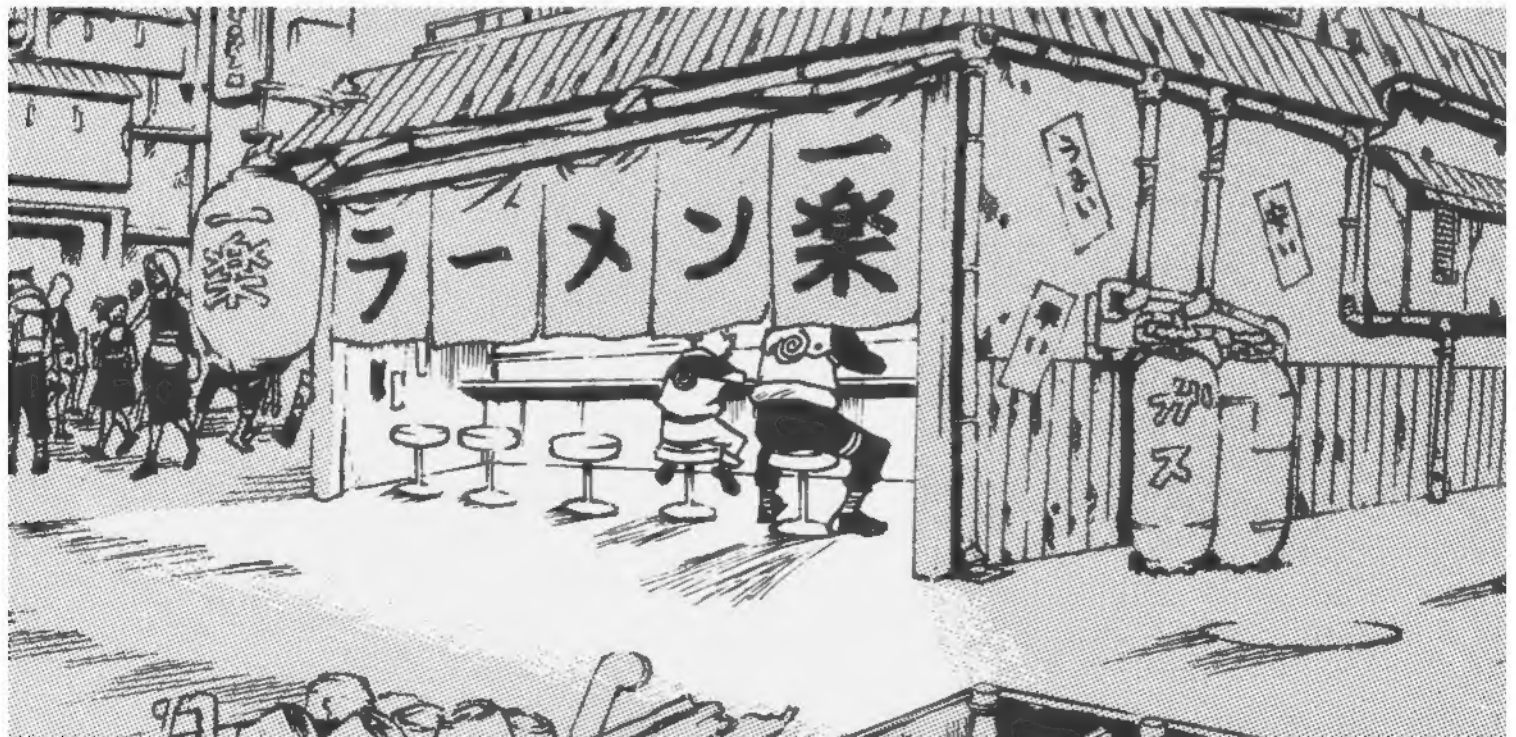


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Nostalgic radio-controlled plastic model vehicles have recently made a comeback, just a bit smaller and easier to operate! So cool, I can't stand it!! The most popular models are, as before, buggy types like the Hornet and Mighty Frog! ...Please bring back my previous favorite, Pajero, too, Mr. Tamiya!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2007

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.





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CHARACTERS



ジュウゴ 重吾



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Suigetsu 水月



Tobi トビ



Deidara デイダラ



Kisame 鬼鮫



Itachi イタチ



Sasuke サスケ



Naruto ナルト



Sakura サクラ



Kakashi カカシ



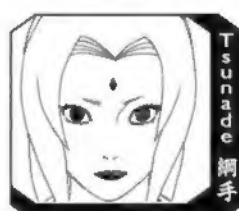
Yamato ヤマト



Sai サイ



Jiraiya 自来也



Tsunade 綱手

THE STORY SO FAR...

Once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy, Uzumaki Naruto now serves dutifully among the ranks of the Konoha shinobi—an illustrious group of ninja sworn to protect their village from the forces of evil seeking to destroy it from without and within...

After his former classmate, Uchiha Sasuke, is seduced by the evil Orochimaru, Naruto makes it his personal mission to find and save his friend from the darkness growing inside him. Unfortunately, Sasuke doesn't want to be saved. All he wants is revenge on the one person he hates most in the world... the person he blames for the murder of his parents... his older brother, Uchiha Itachi.

Assembling his shinobi cell, The Hebi, Sasuke sets out to find and kill his brother. But his quest for vengeance soon brings him into conflict with Deidara and Tobi—members of the insidious organization known as the Akatsuki. Though Sasuke quickly gains the upper hand with the formidable power of his Sharingan, Deidara tips the scales by unveiling his latest masterpiece of destruction...



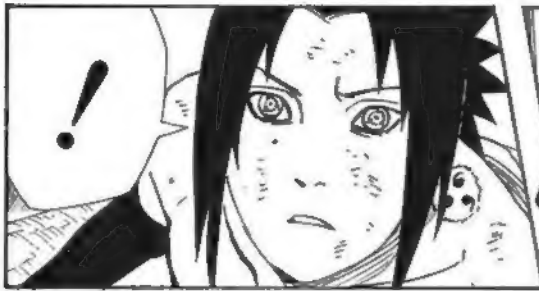
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RUN!!

SPLASH



IF
SO...

IS
THIS AN
EXPLO-
SIVE
TOO?



HUF

HUF

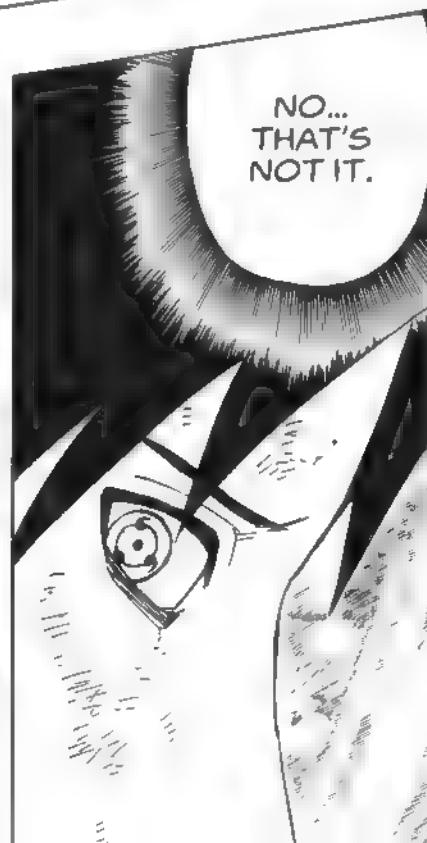
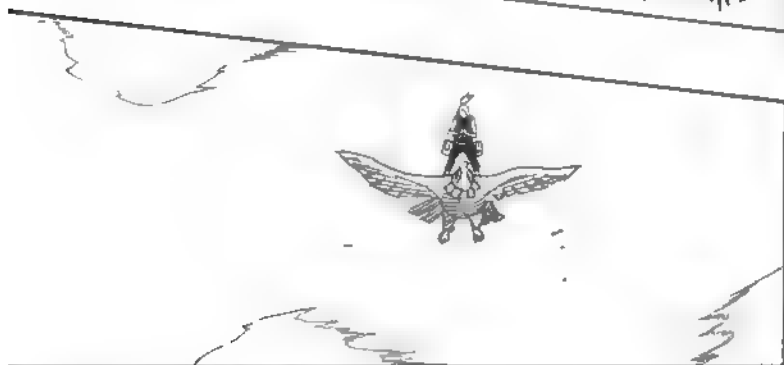
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SUPPOSED
TO BE MY
TRUMP
CARD TO
KILL ITACHI
WITH, BUT
OH WELL...
HMMM?

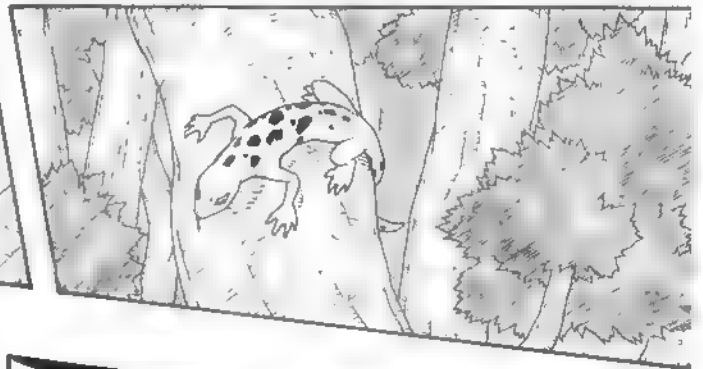
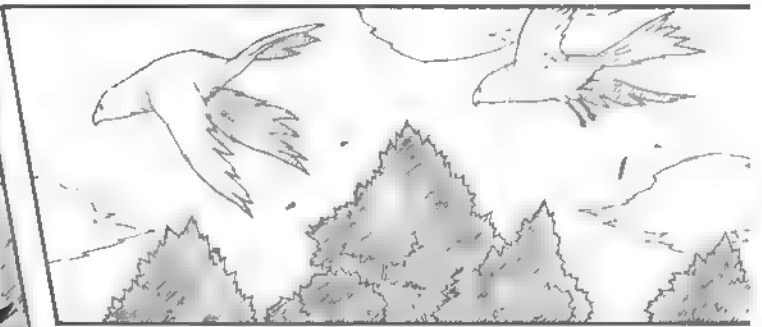
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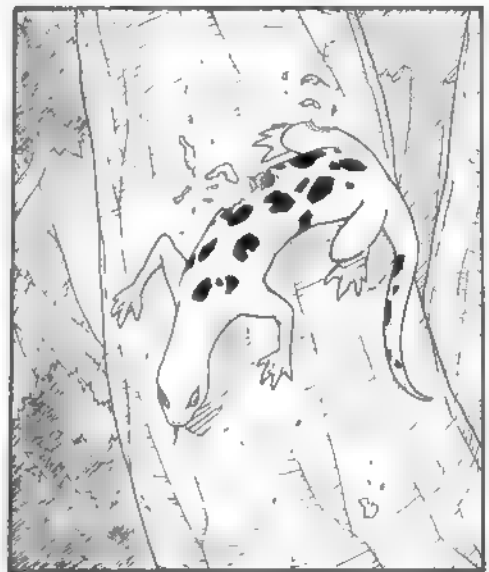
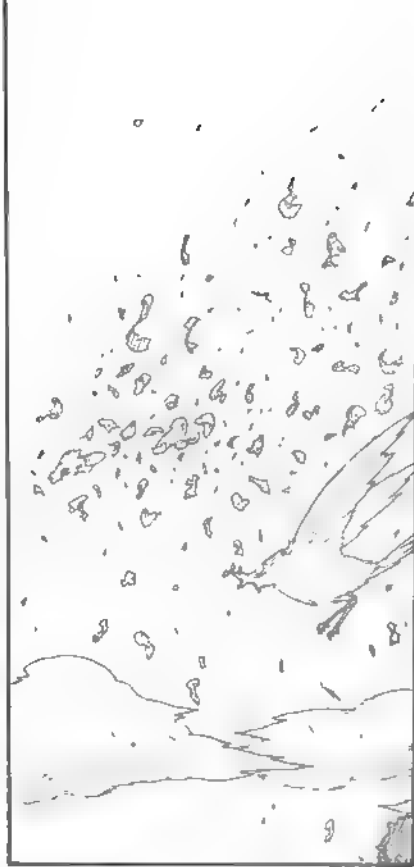
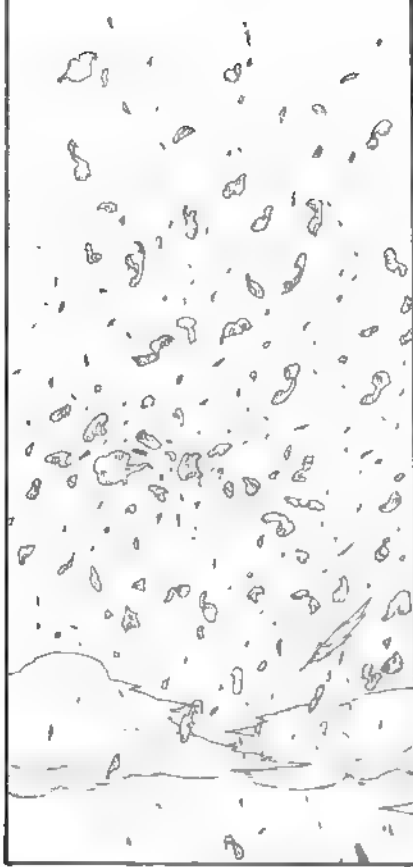




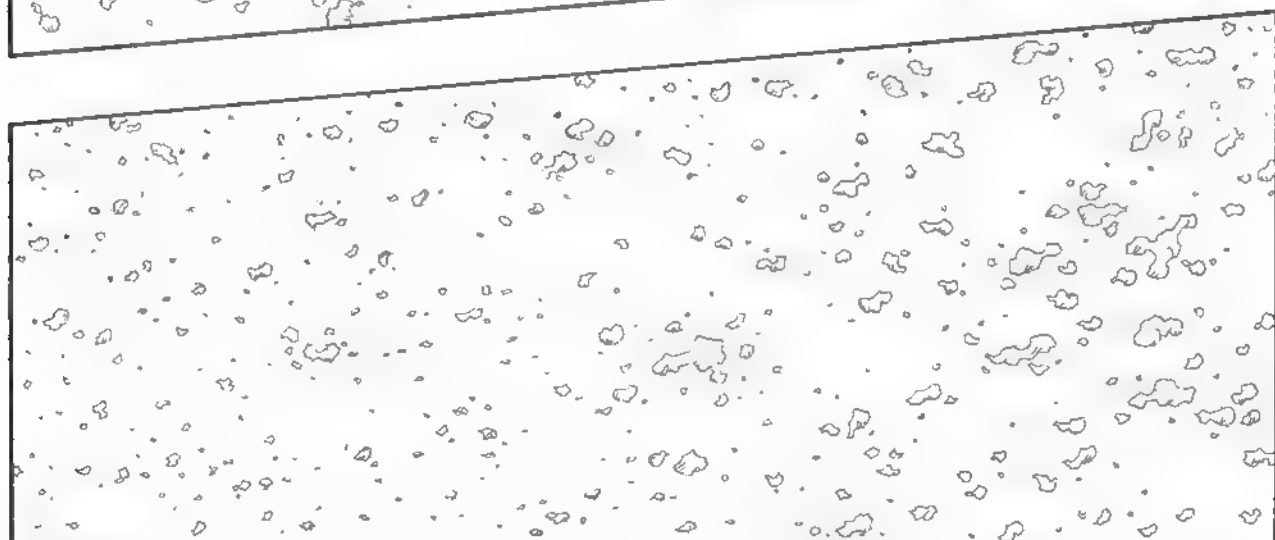
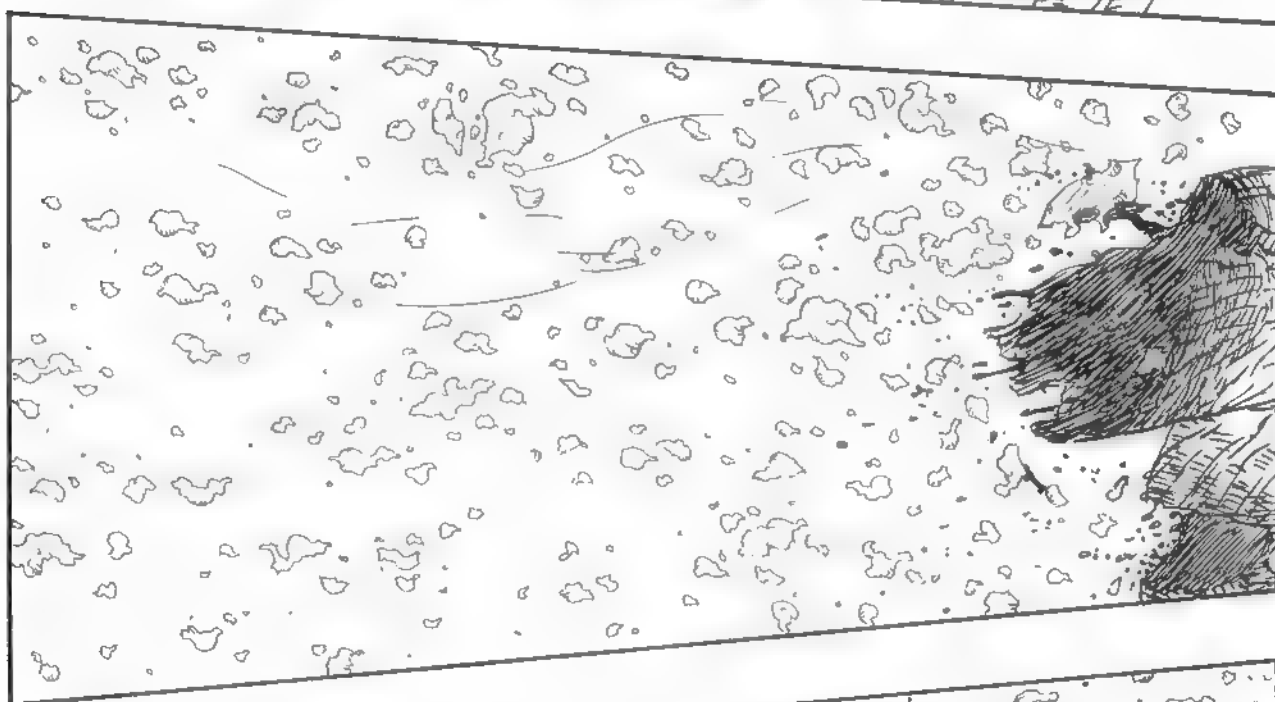


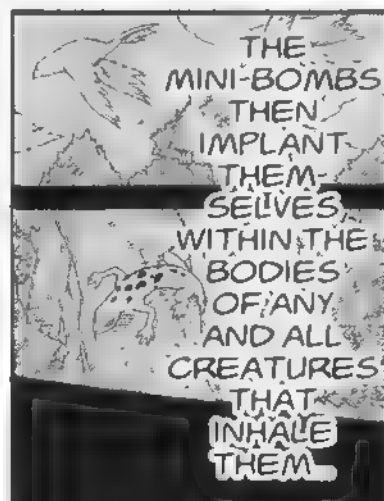
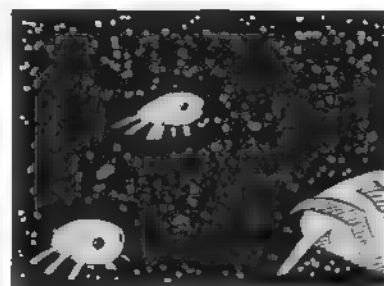
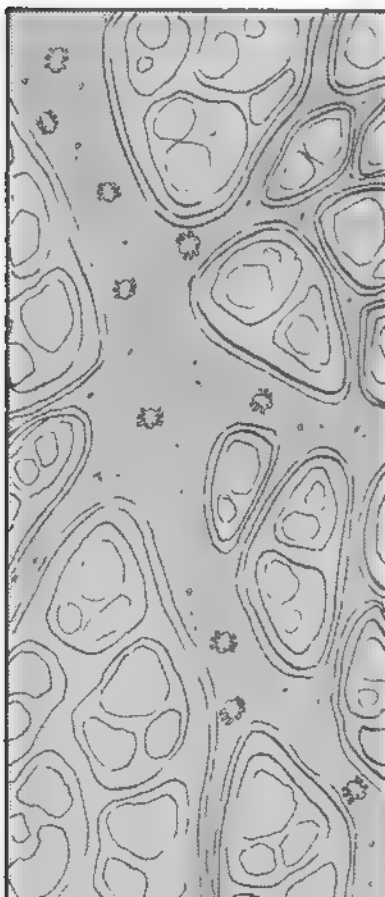
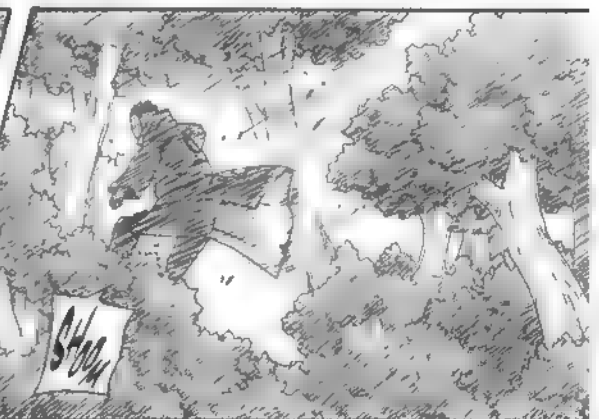
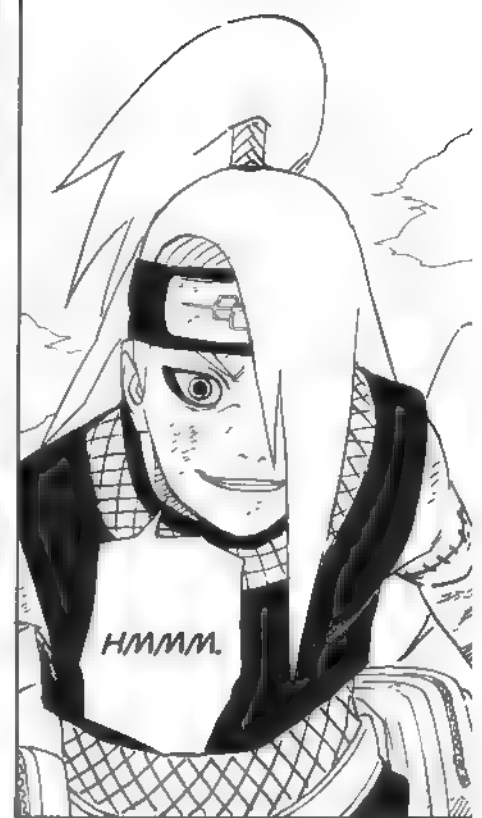


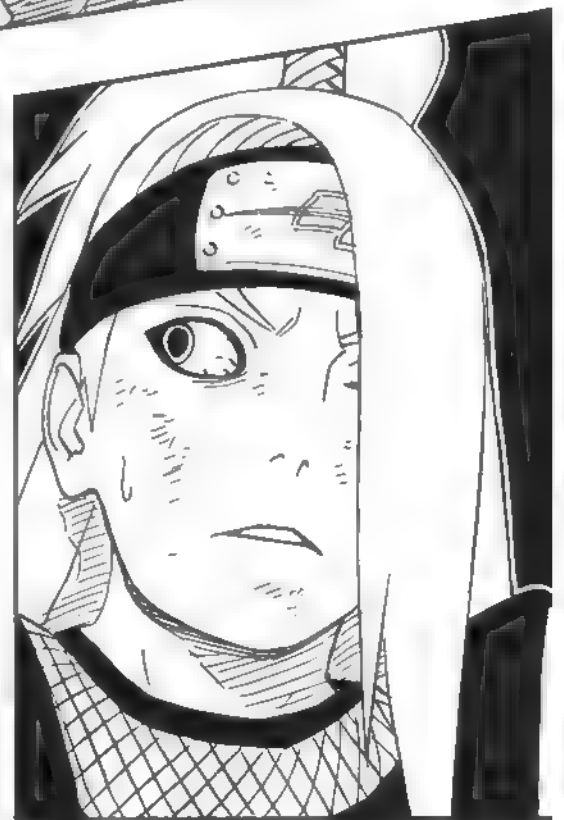
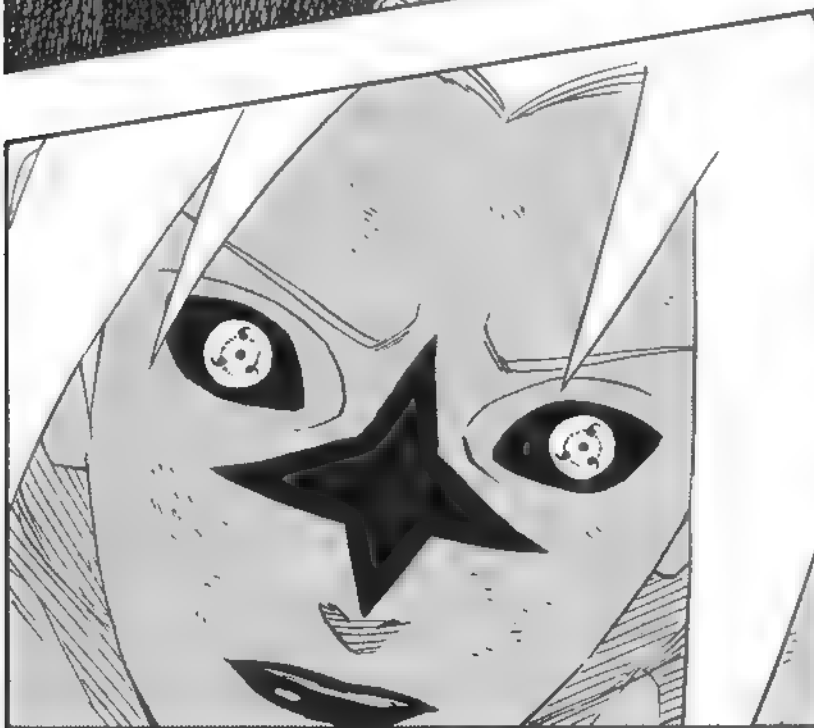
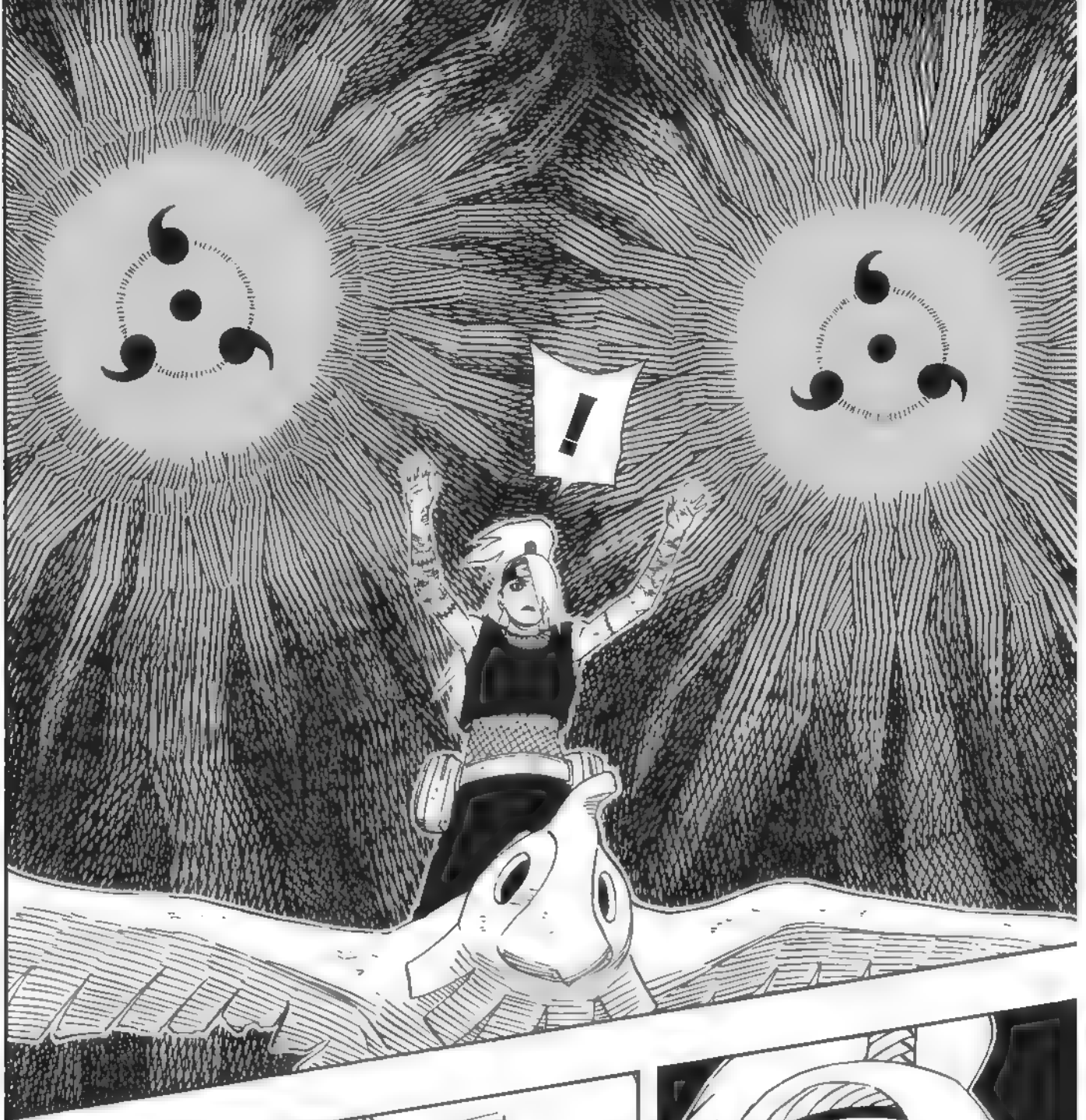














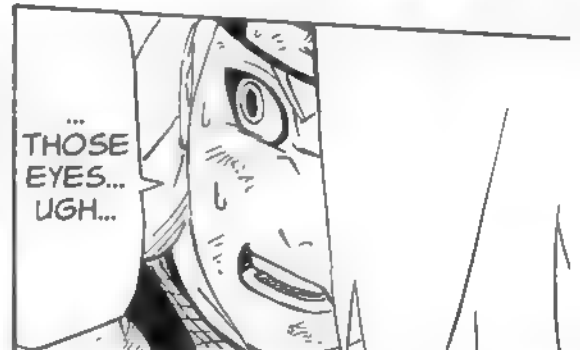


SEEMS
YOU'VE USED
UP ALL YOUR
CHAKRA...
YOUR
REACTION
TIME IS
SLOW.



BUT MY
SHARINGAN
SEES
CHAKRA AS
COLORS...

BOMBS
TOO
SMALL
FOR THE
EYE TO
SEE...

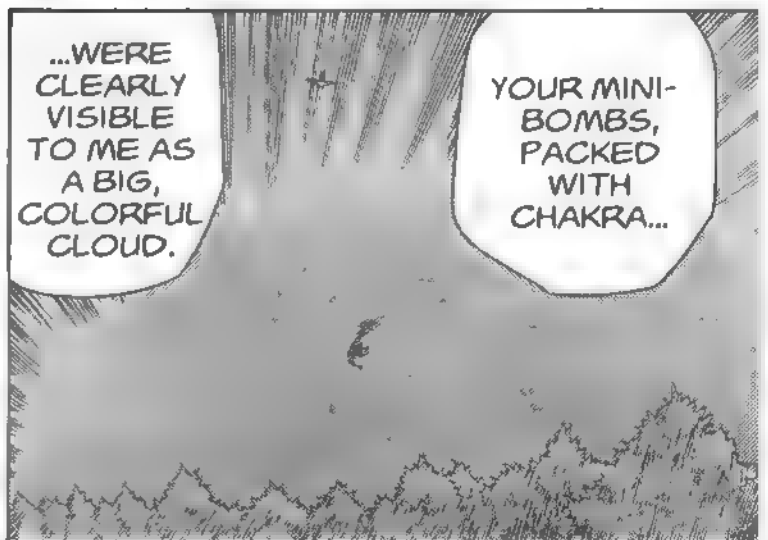


...
THOSE
EYES...
UGH...



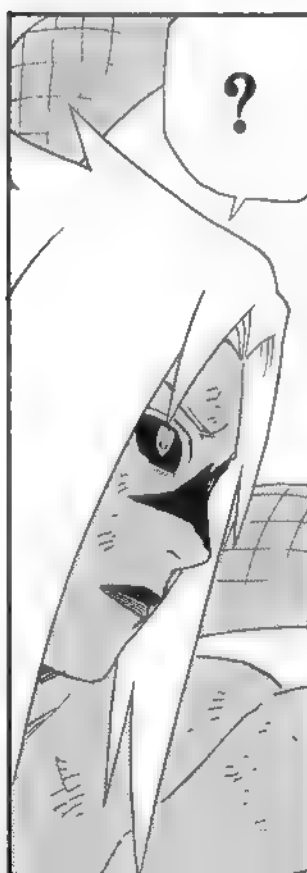
SO I KNEW
EXACTLY
WHERE I
HAD TO GO
TO AVOID
YOUR
ATTACK...

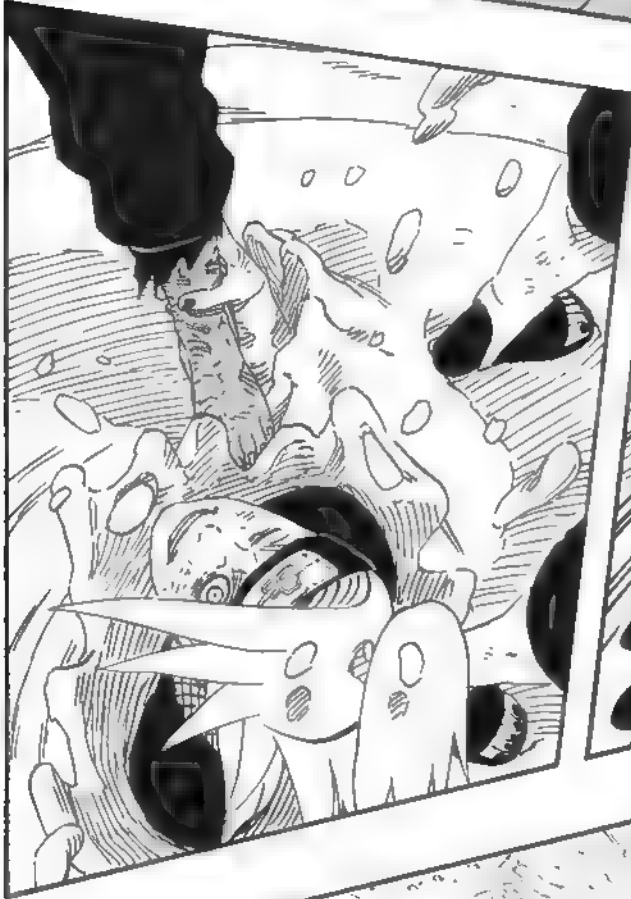
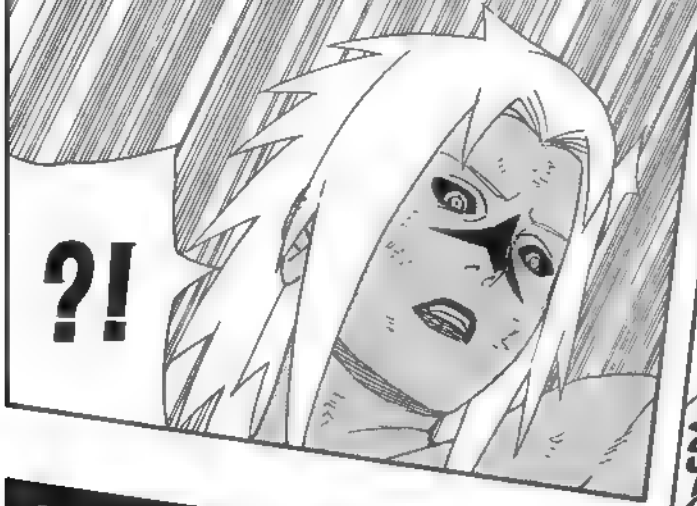
I COULD
ALSO SEE
THAT YOU
WERE
HOVERING
JUST OUT-
SIDE THE
BOMBS'
RANGE.

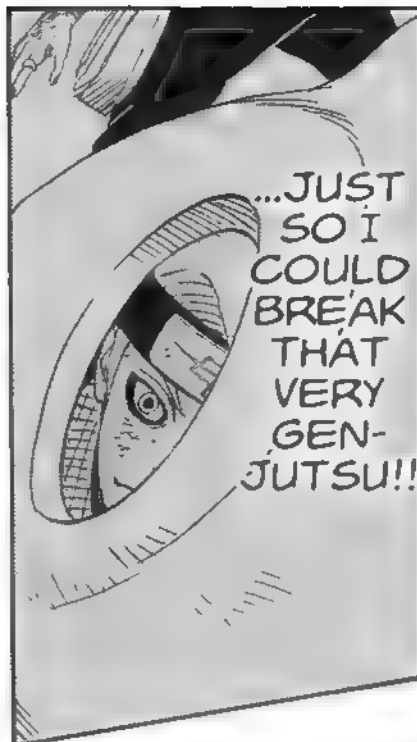
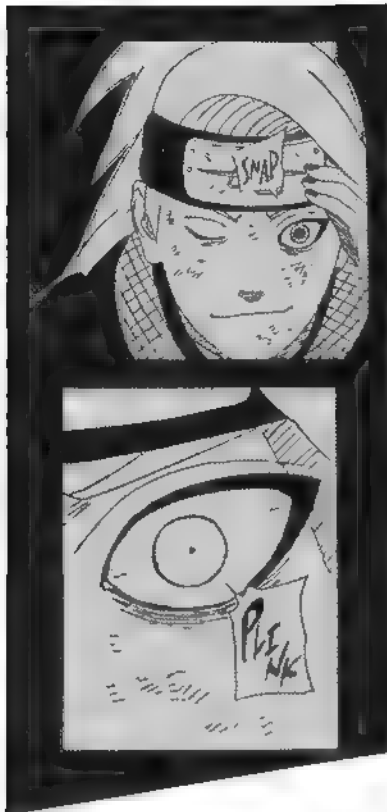


...WERE
CLEARLY
VISIBLE
TO ME AS
A BIG,
COLORFUL
CLOUD.

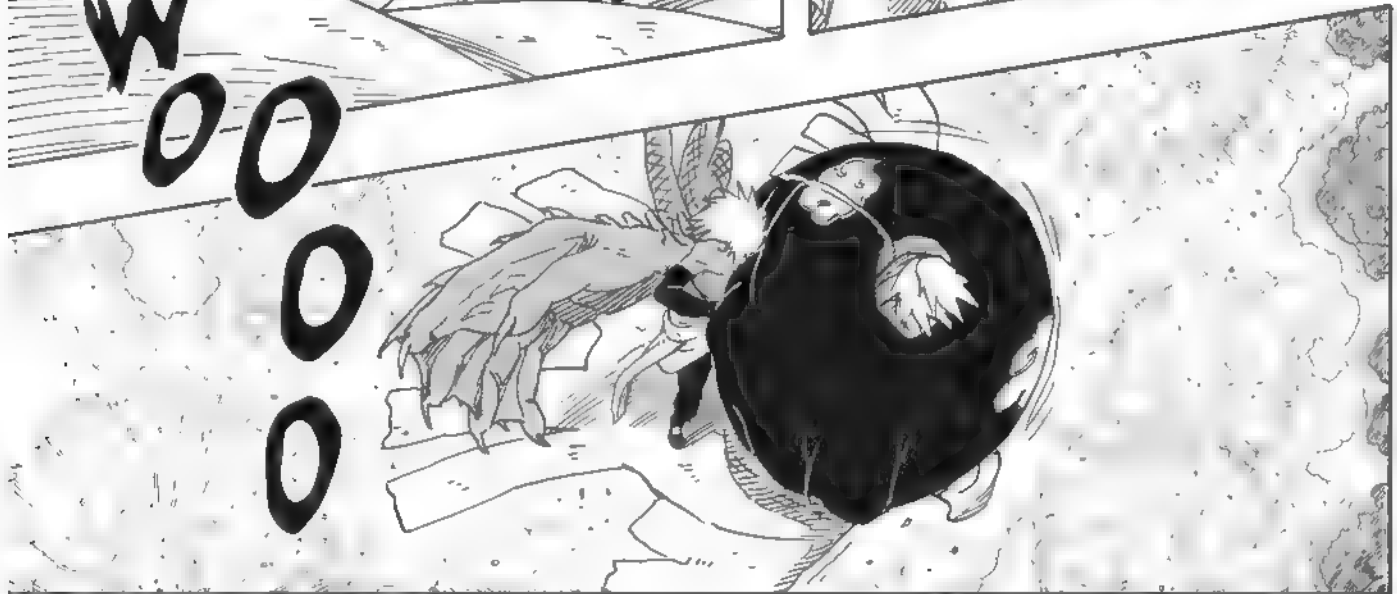
YOUR MINI-
BOMBS,
PACKED
WITH
CHAKRA...



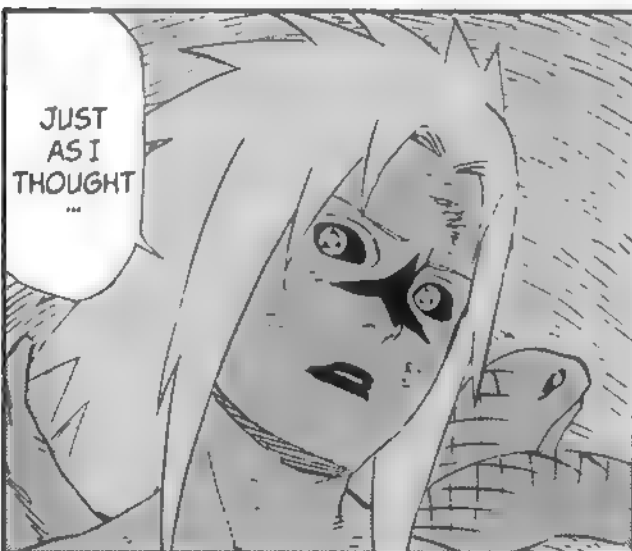
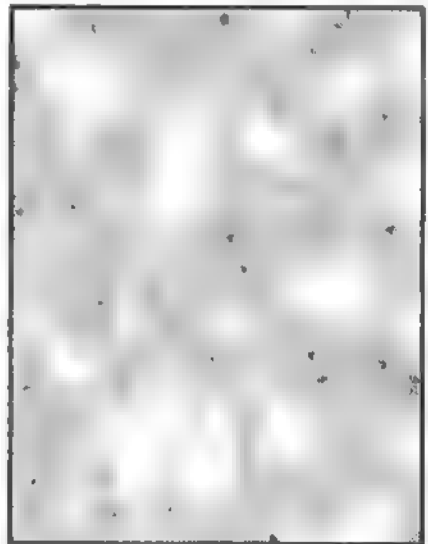
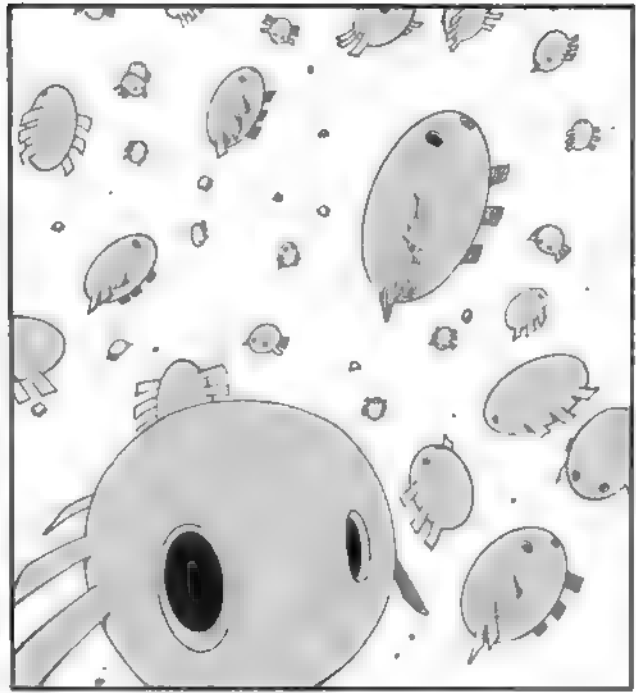
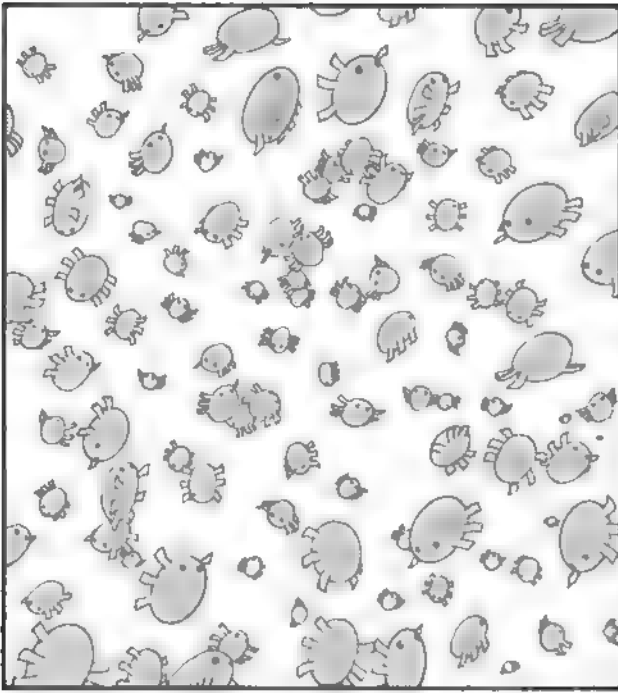




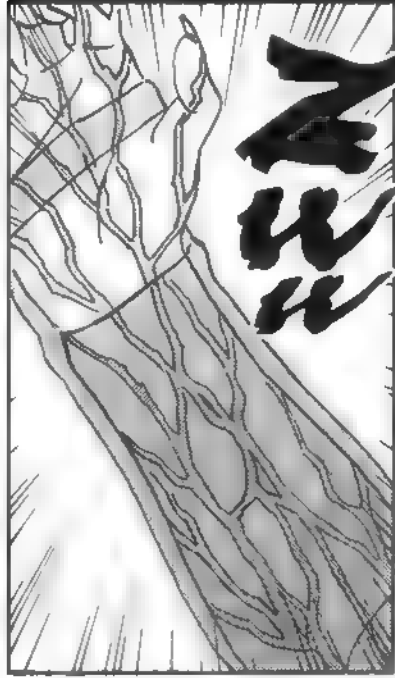


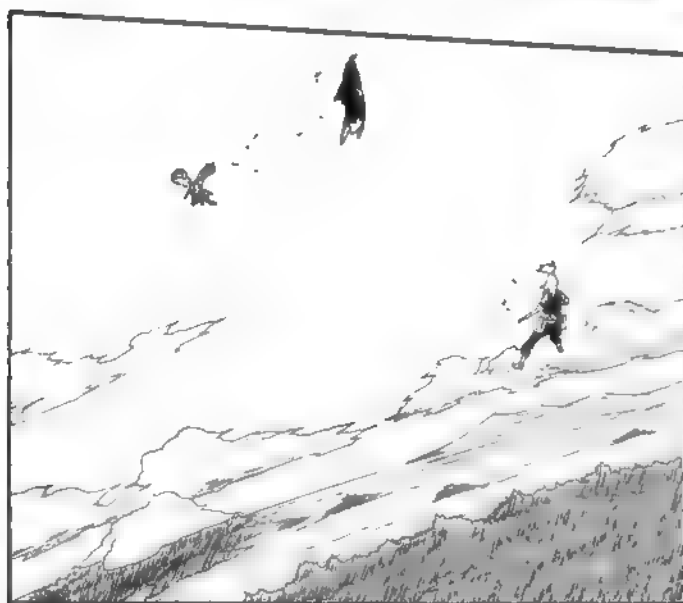


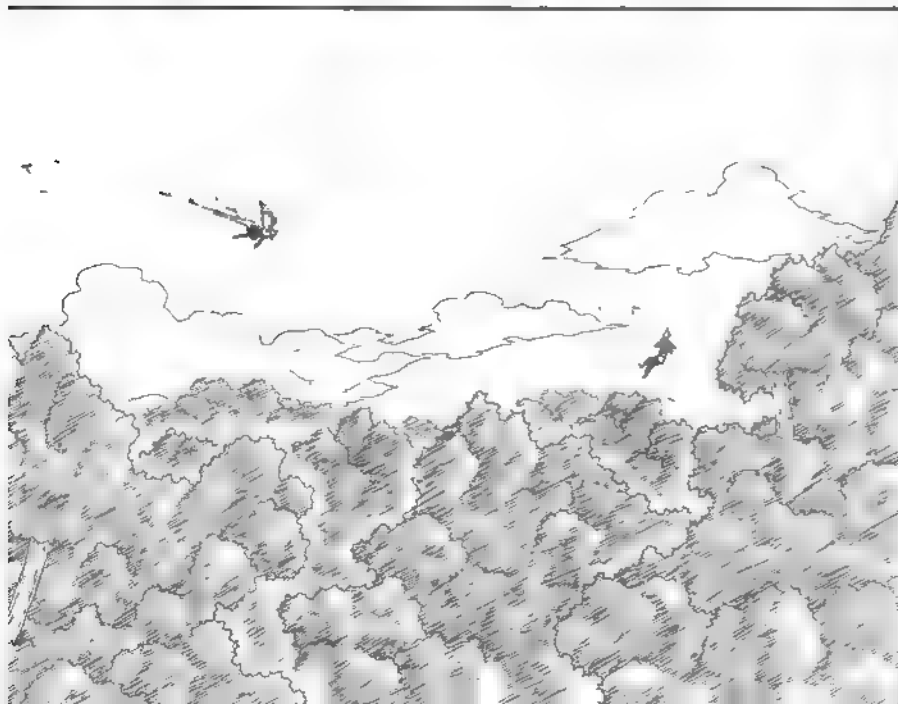
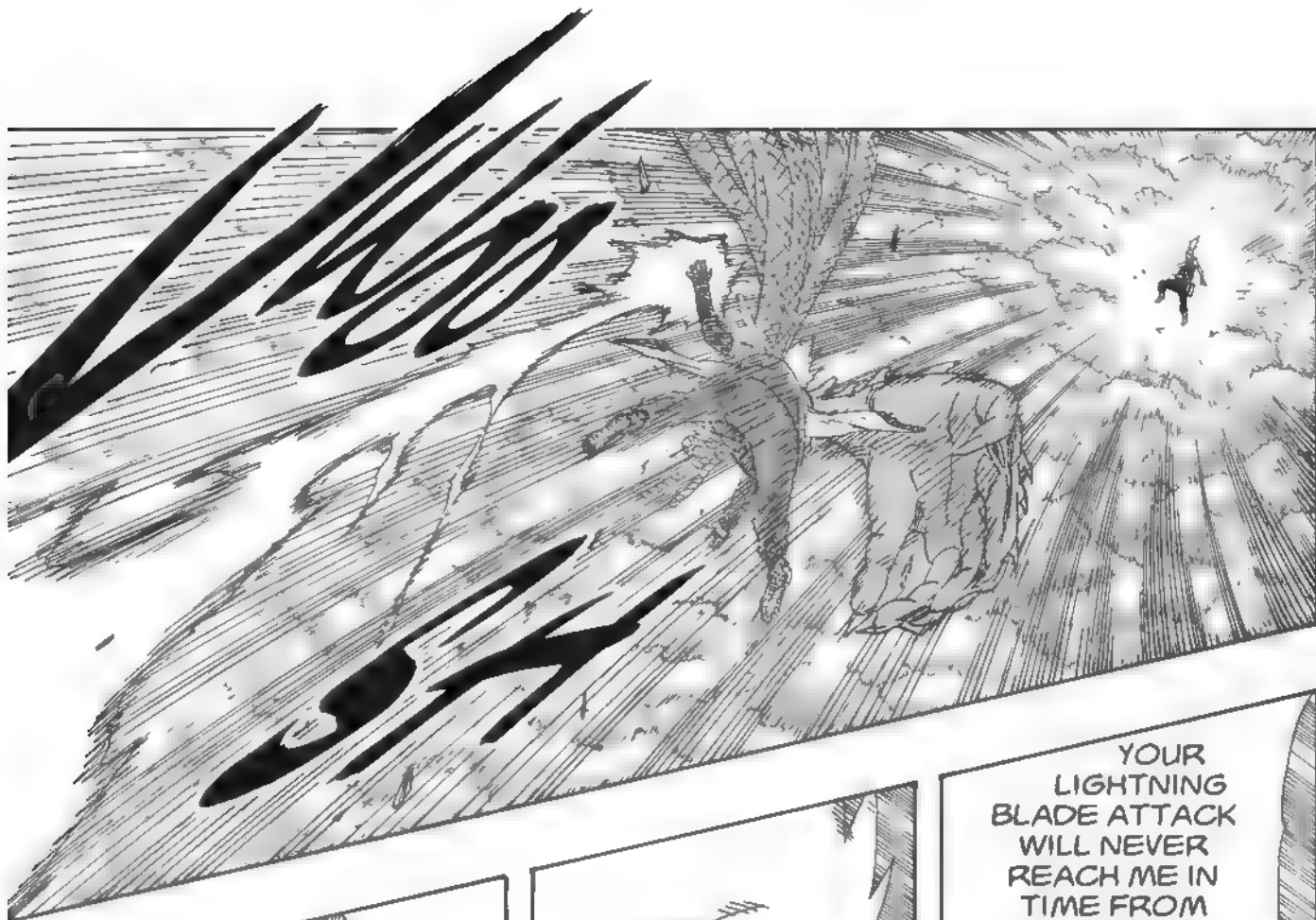


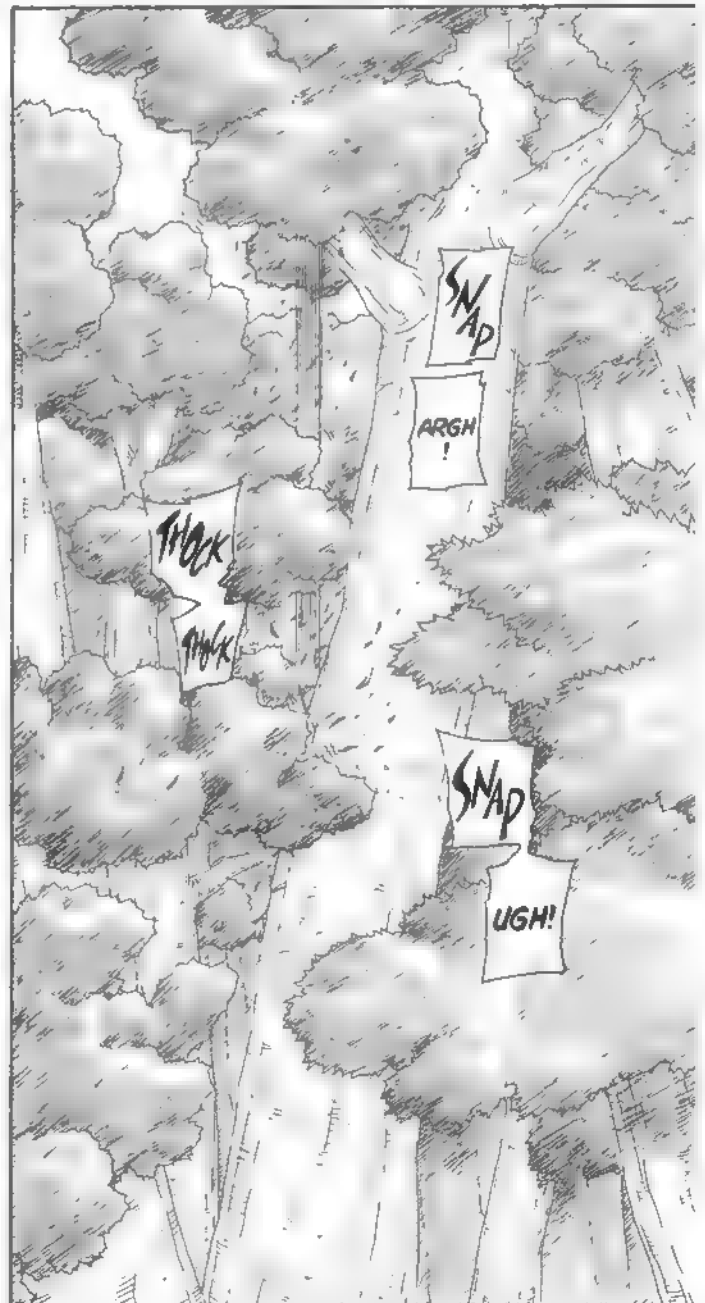
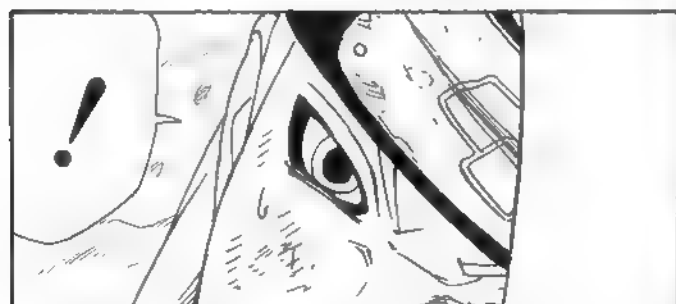


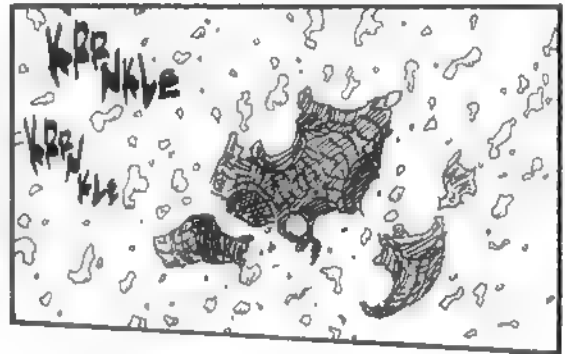
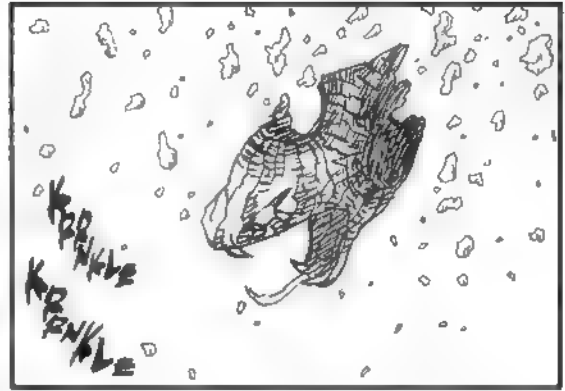


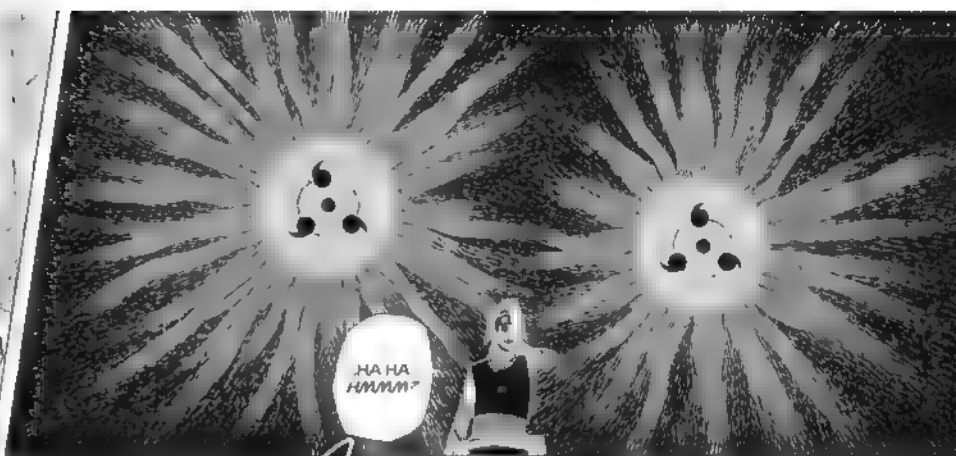


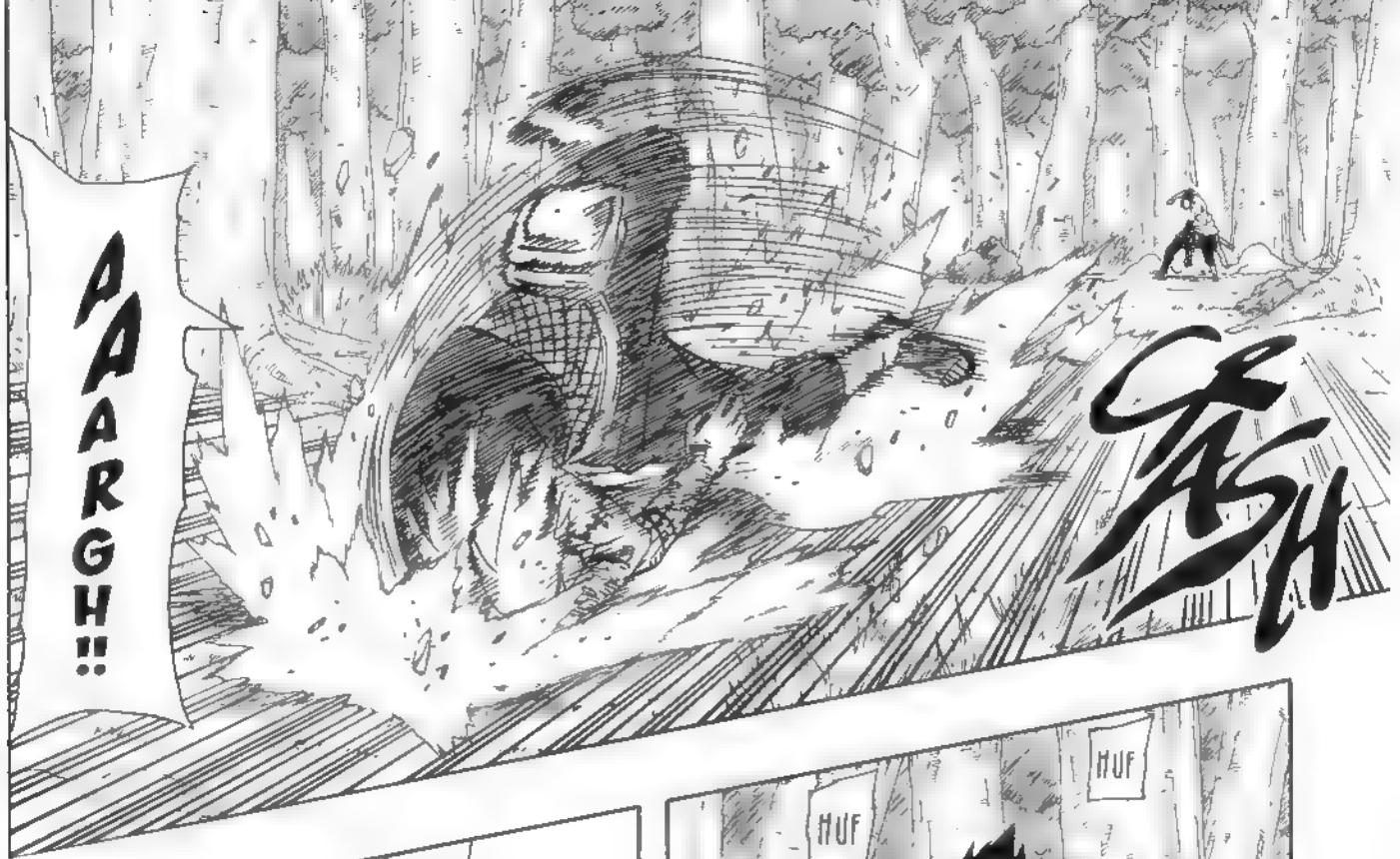


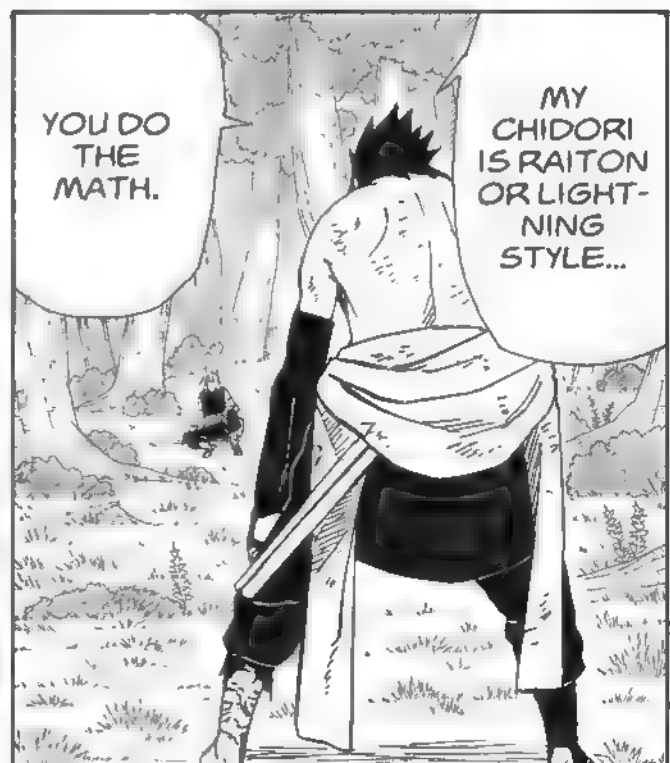
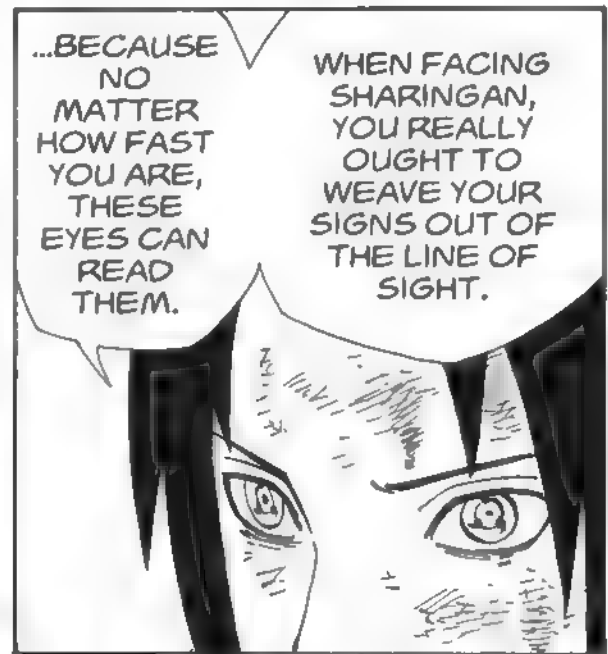


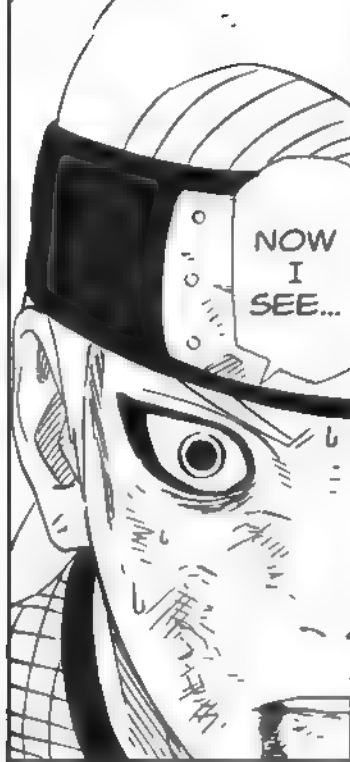




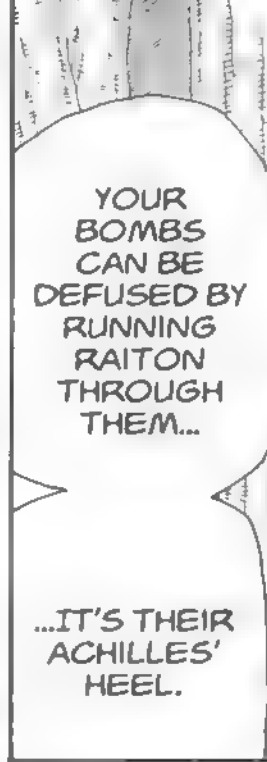








NOW
I
SEE...



YOUR
BOMBS
CAN BE
DEFUSED BY
RUNNING
RAITON
THROUGH
THEM...

...IT'S THEIR
ACHILLES'
HEEL.



DOTON IS
VULNERABLE
TO RAITON.



BY RUNNING
THAT
LIGHTNING
BLADE
THROUGH
YOURSELF...



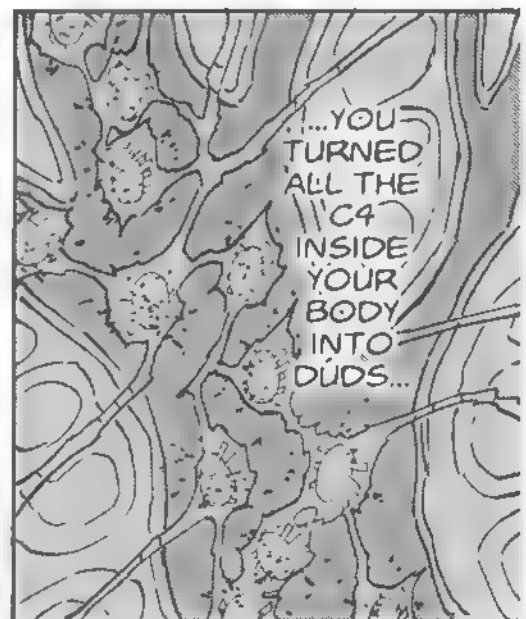
I CAN'T BELIEVE
HE DISSECTED
MY ART'S WEAK
POINT SO
QUICKLY...

WHEN
DID YOU
REALIZE
IT?



BY THE
WAY, MY
JUTSU IS
TECHNI-
CALLY
CALLED
CHIDORI
...

YEAH...
BUT THE
EFFORT
SURE
WORE
ME OUT.



...YOU
TURNED
ALL THE
C4
INSIDE
YOUR
BODY
INTO
DUDS...



WHEN I
COUNTERED
YOUR FIRST
ATTACK WITH
MY CHIDORI
SENBON...



THOUGH
I'VE BEEN
ANALYZING
YOU FROM
THE
GET-GO.

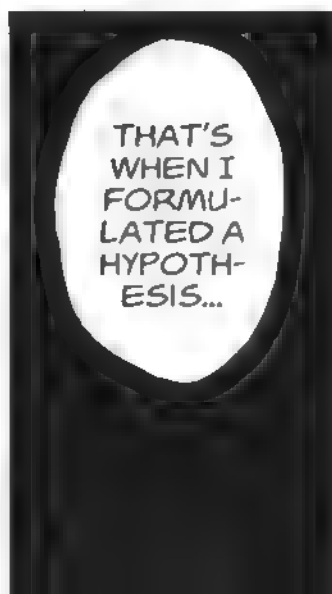
AFTER
YOU
DETO-
NATED
THOSE
LAND
MINES.



...I
NOTICED
THAT
AMONG THE
BOMBS YOU
HURLED AT
ME...



A
HYPOTH-
ESIS...?



THAT'S
WHEN I
FORMU-
LATED A
HYPOTH-
ESIS...



...MANY
OF THEM
DIDN'T
GO OFF.



...THAT YOU
TOSSED
TO
NEGATE
MY PARRY...

THAT THE
ONLY ONE
THAT DID
GO OFF
WAS THE
SINGLE
NEW
BOMB...



BUT I
WASN'T
SURE.
MAYBE YOU
DIDN'T
DETONATE
THEM ON
PURPOSE...

...BECAUSE
SOME HAD
LANDED
NEAR YOUR
PARTNER.



ALL OF THE
PREVIOUS
ONES
PIERCED BY
THE CHIDORI
SENBON
NEVER WENT
OFF.



THE
GROUND
AROUND
YOU IS
ALREADY
COM-
PLETELY
SEEDED
WITH
MINES.

YOU SAID
YOURSELF
THE LAND
MINES WERE
RIGGED TO
BLOW AUTO-
MATICALLY.



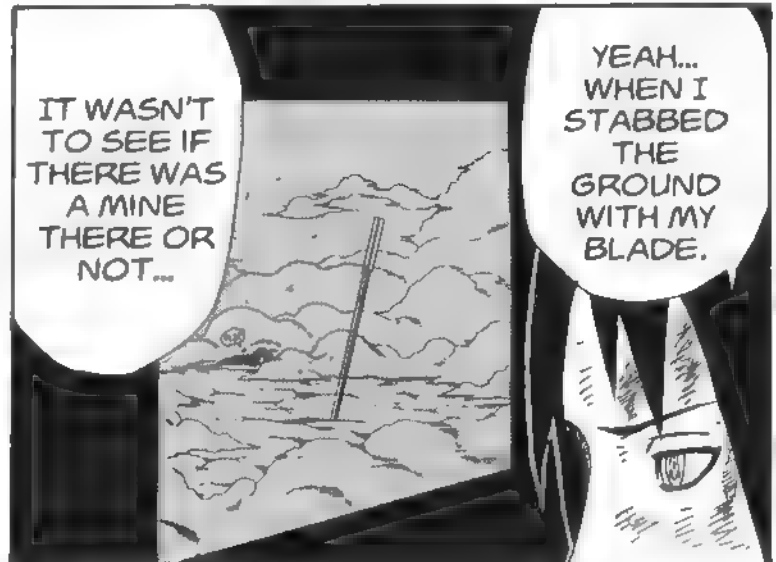
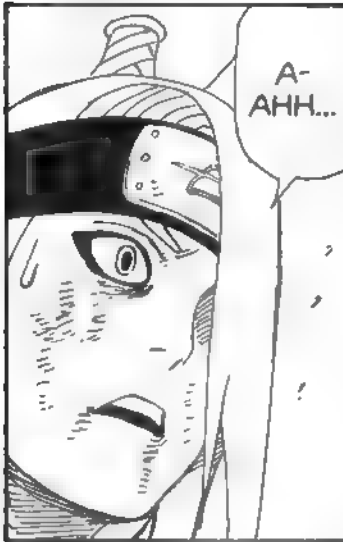
THAT'S
RIGHT.



...OR
BECAUSE
OF ME,
HUH.

YOU MEAN
YOU
COULDN'T
TELL IF THEY
DIDN'T GO
OFF BECAUSE
OF YOUR
CHIDORI...

I SEE...
SO YOU THEN
TESTED YOUR
THEORY OUT
ON THE LAND
MINES?



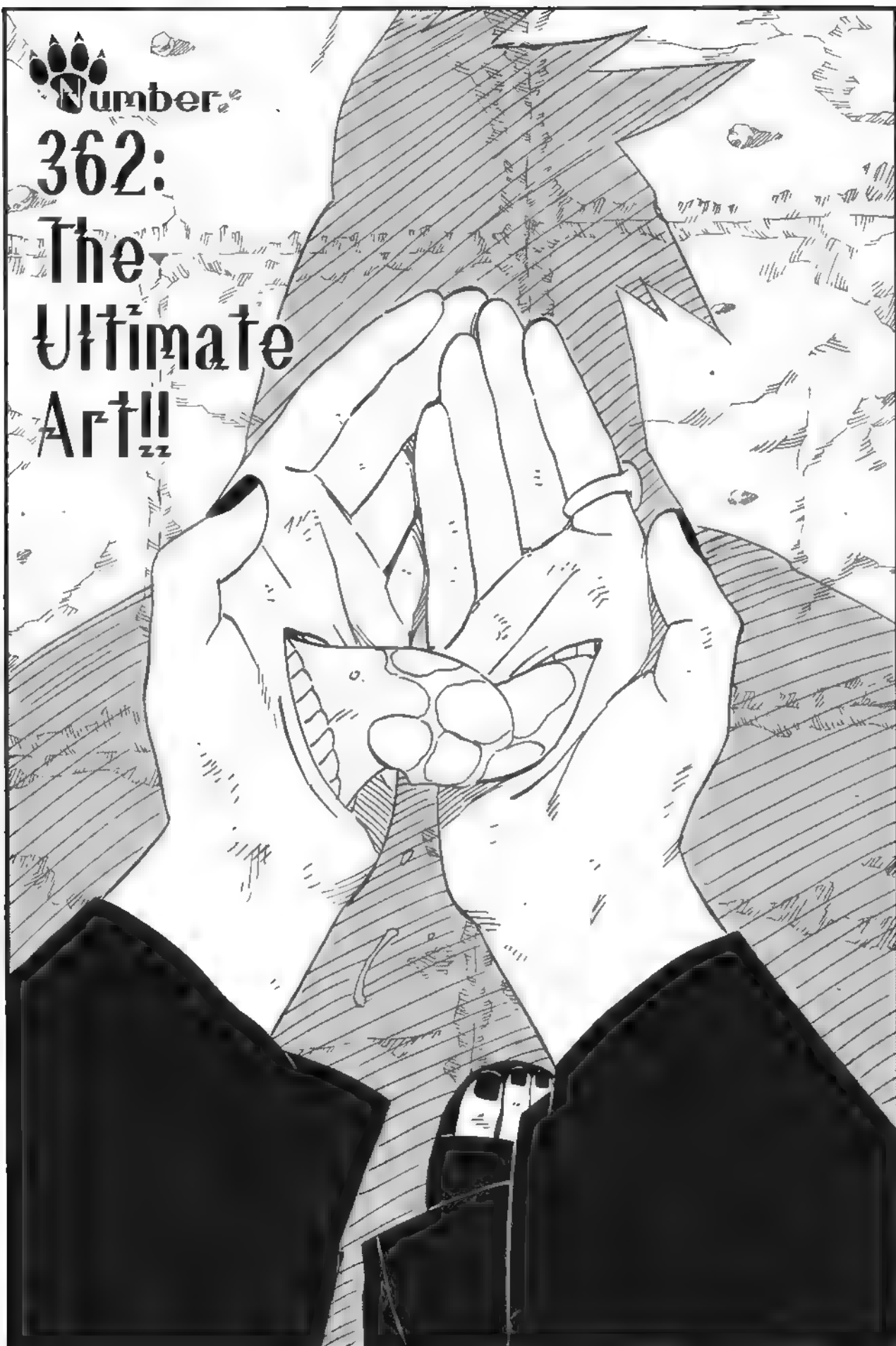


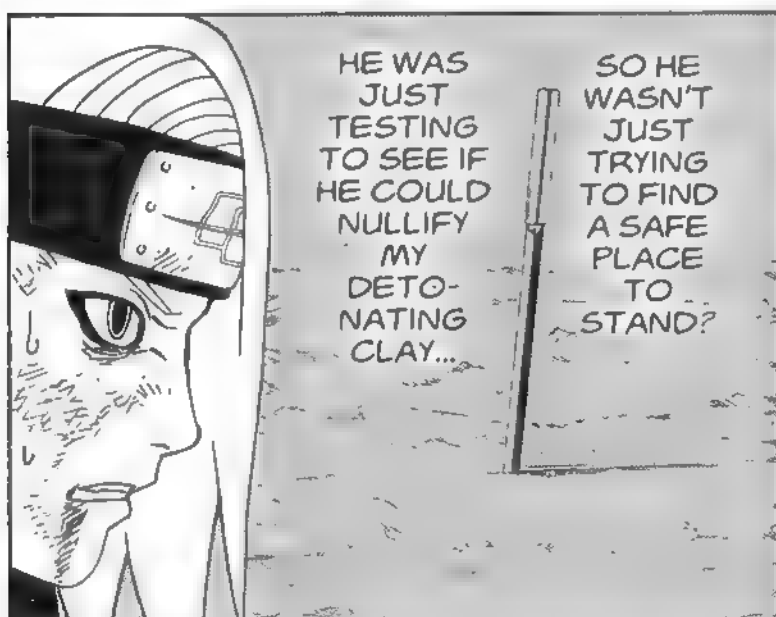


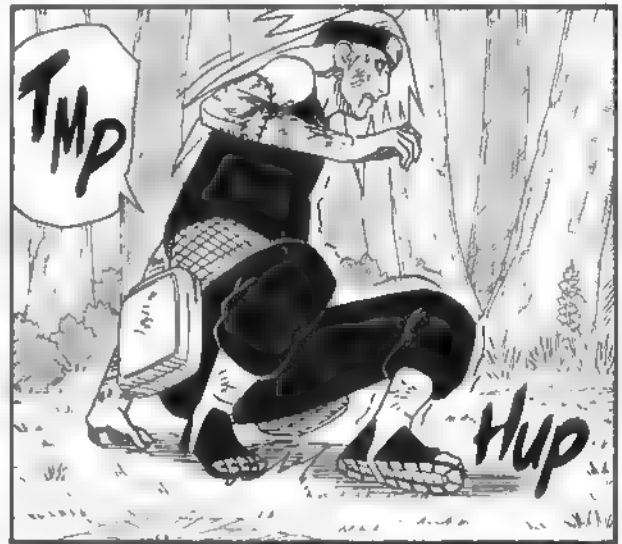
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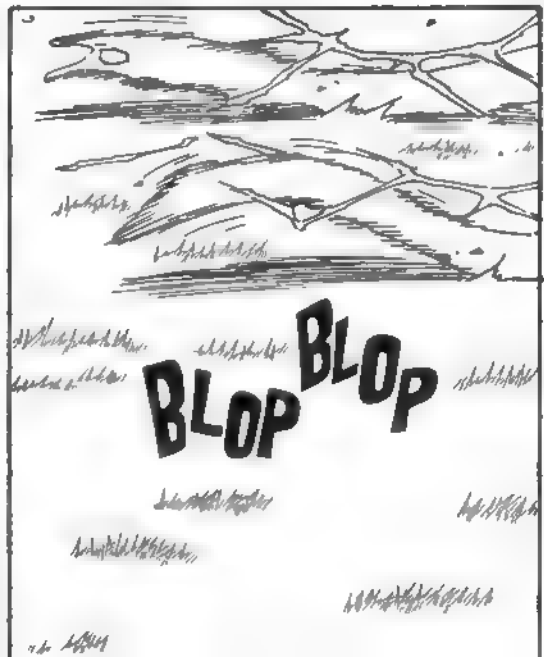
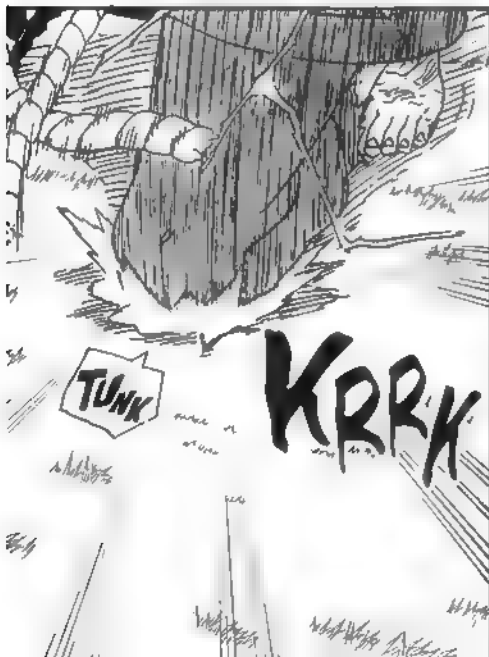
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Ultimate
Art!!

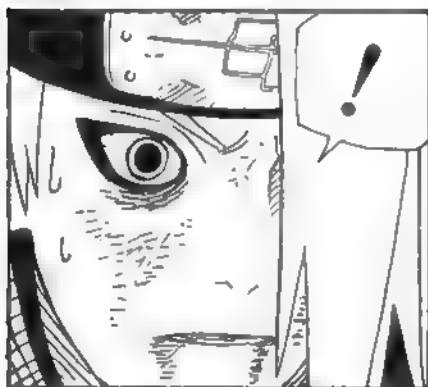


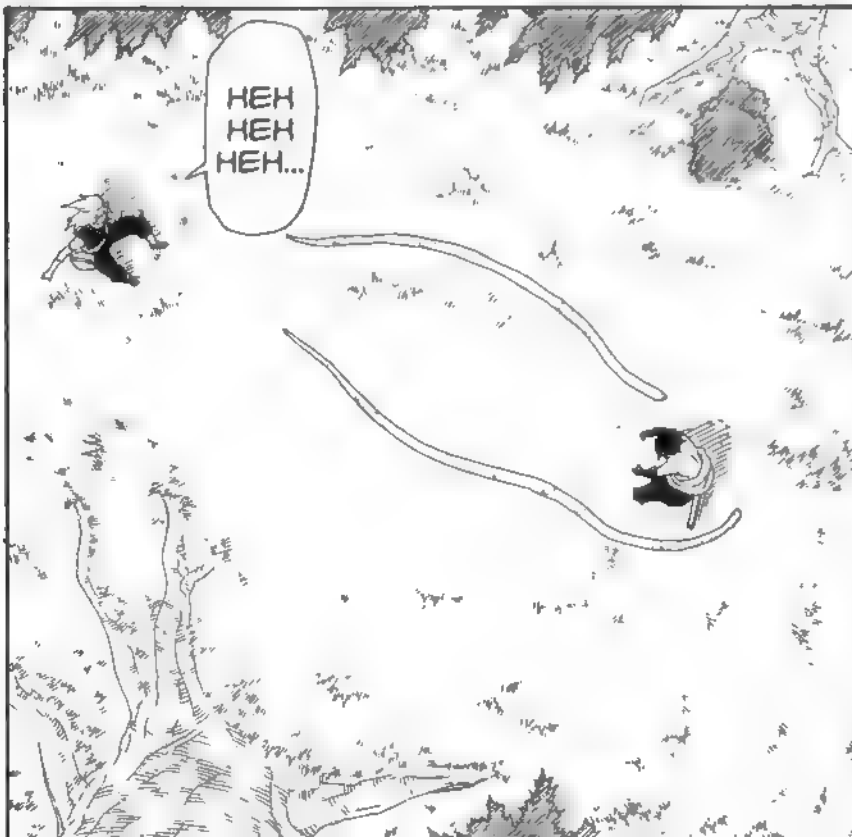
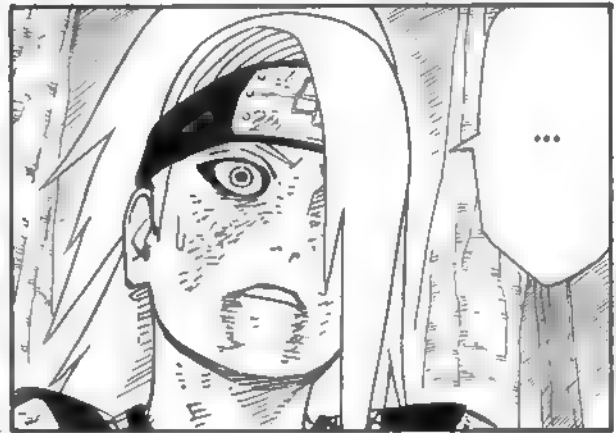














**THAT'S
WHAT
ANNOYS
ME ABOUT
YOU THE
MOST!!**

**BOTH
OF YOU
UCHIHA
BOYS!!!**



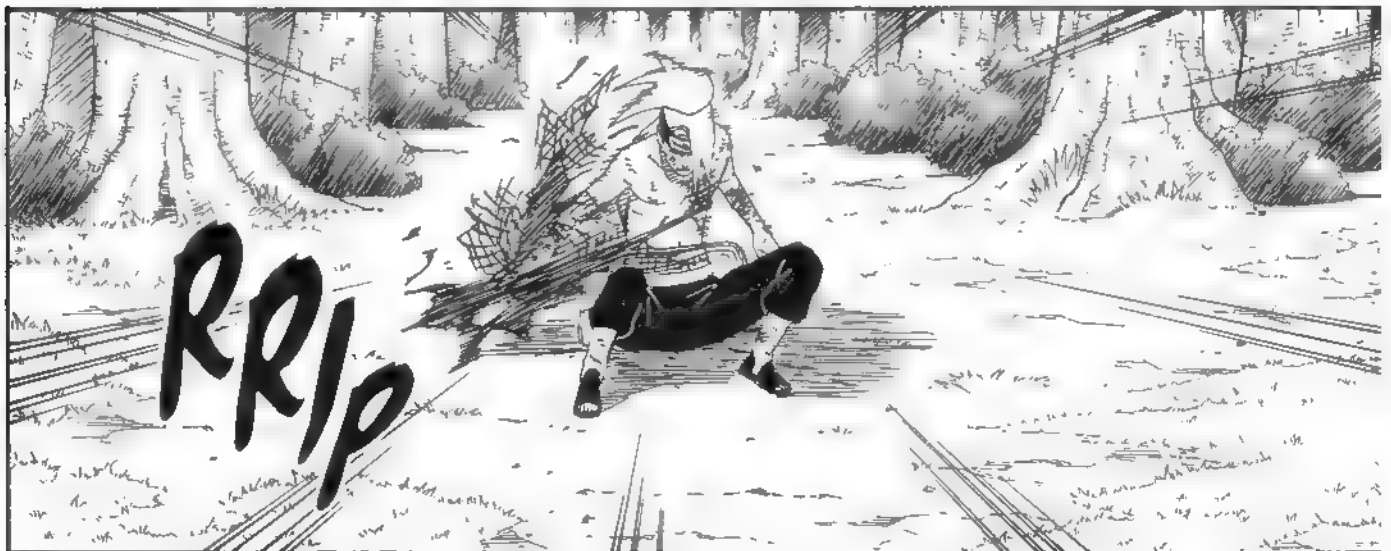
**YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
JUST
SO
COOL!!**

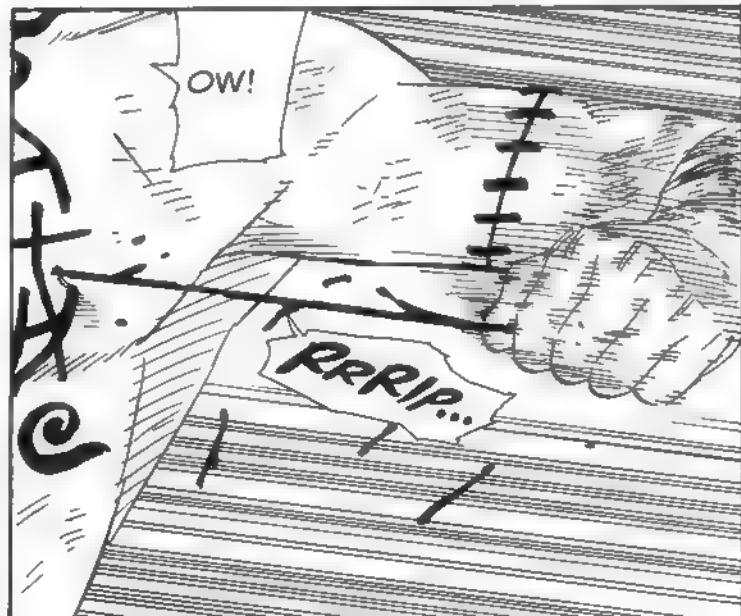
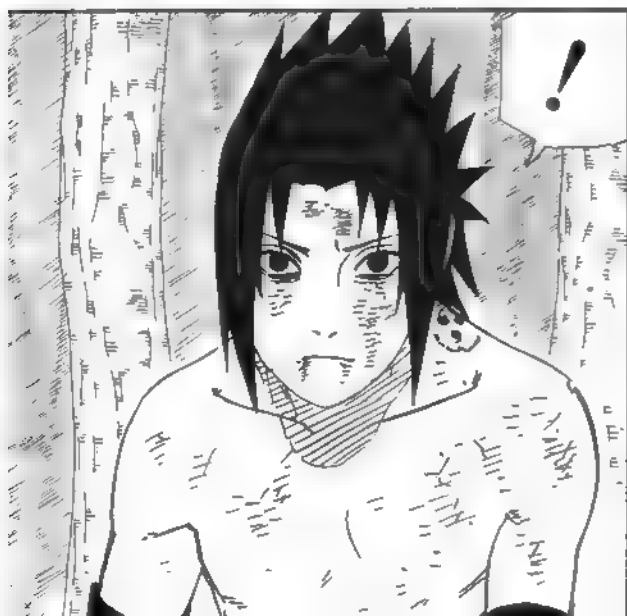
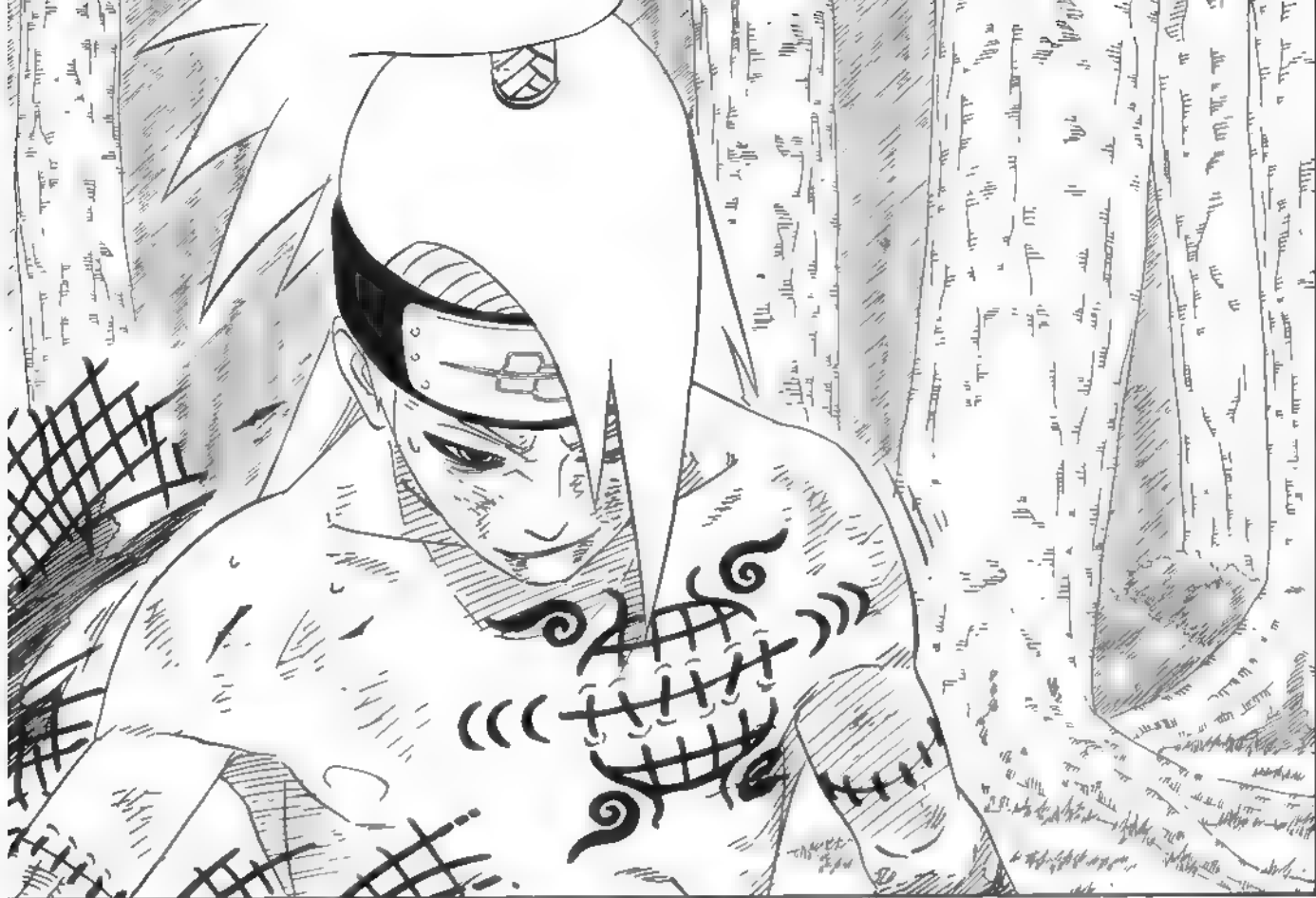


**ALWAYS
JUDGING
ME...AND
MY ART!!**

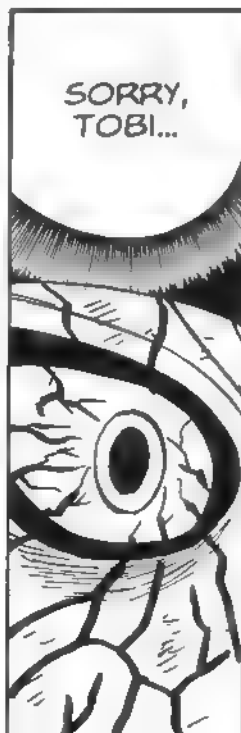
**AND
THOSE
EYES
MAKE ME
SICK!!**

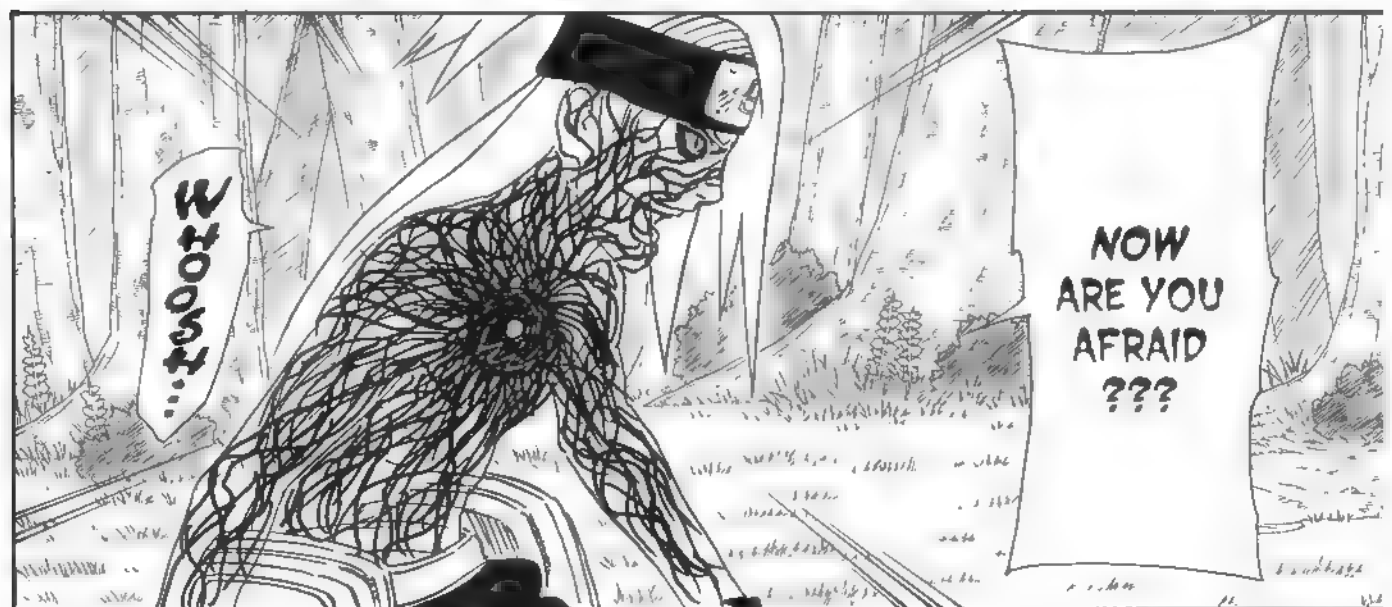


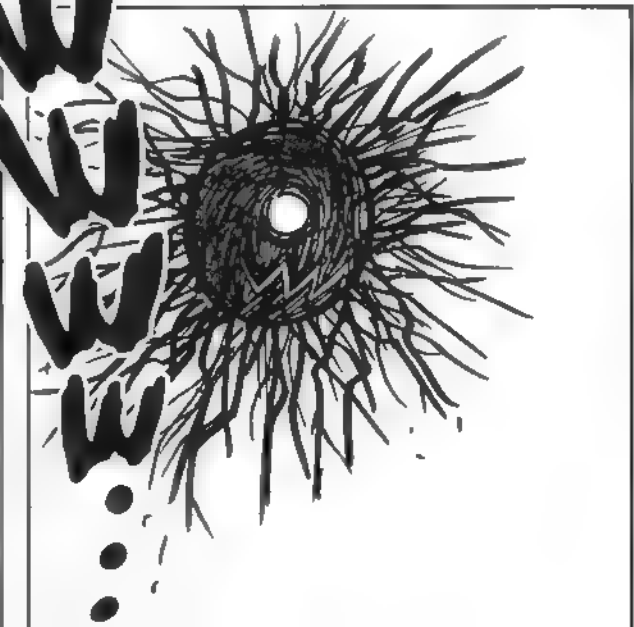
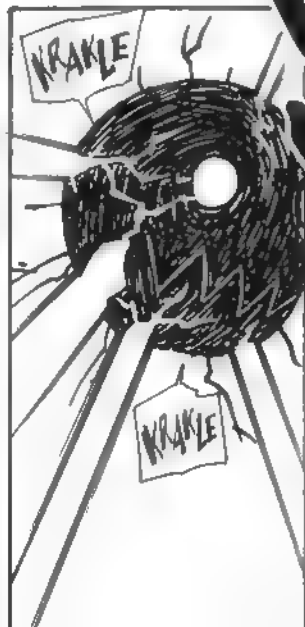
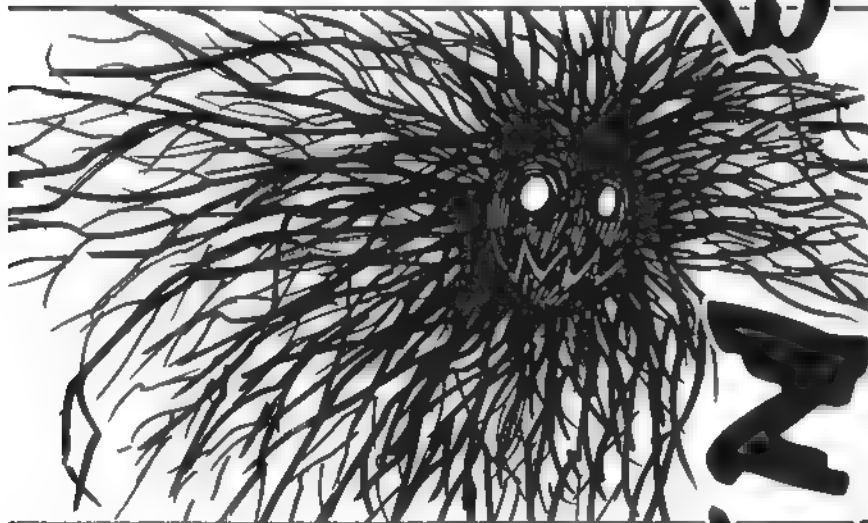
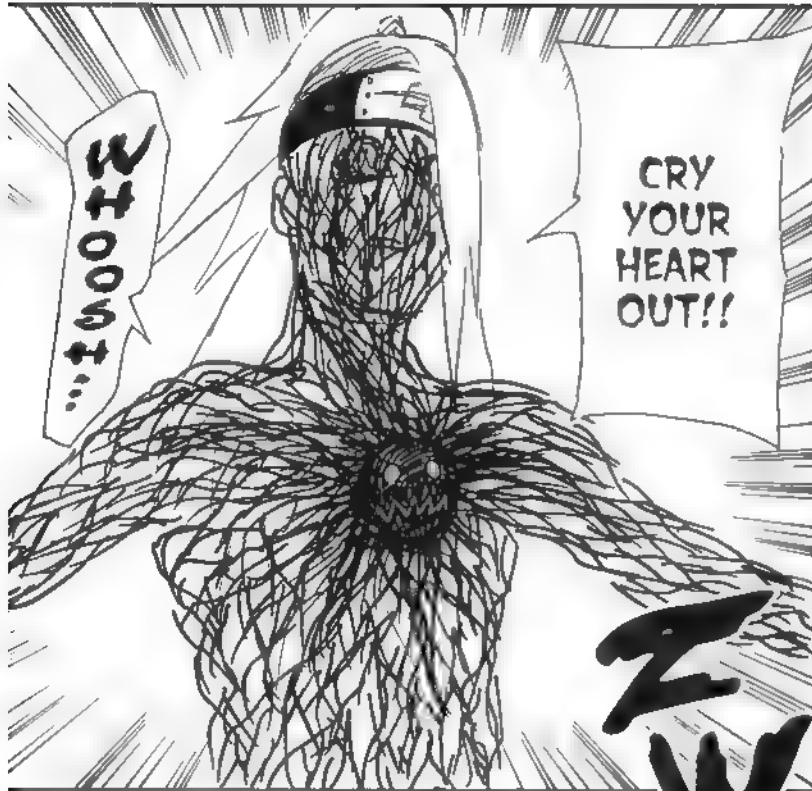










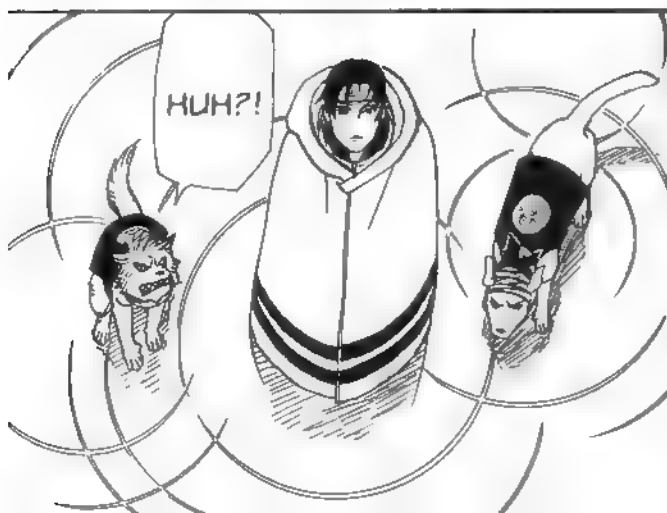
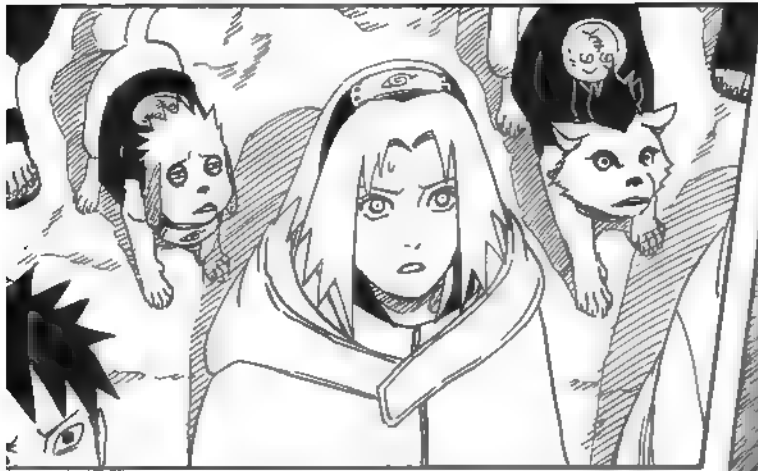


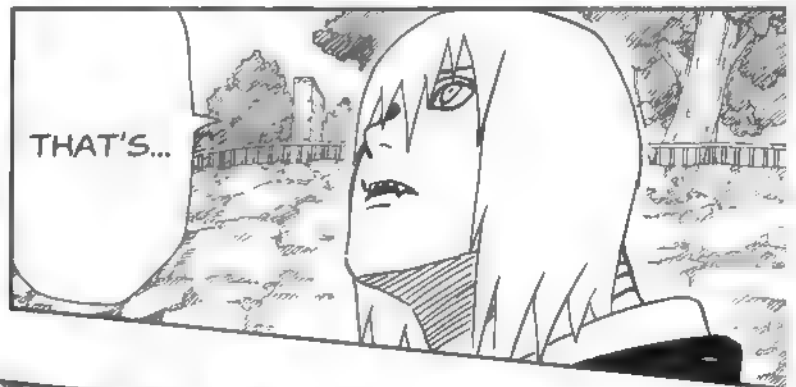
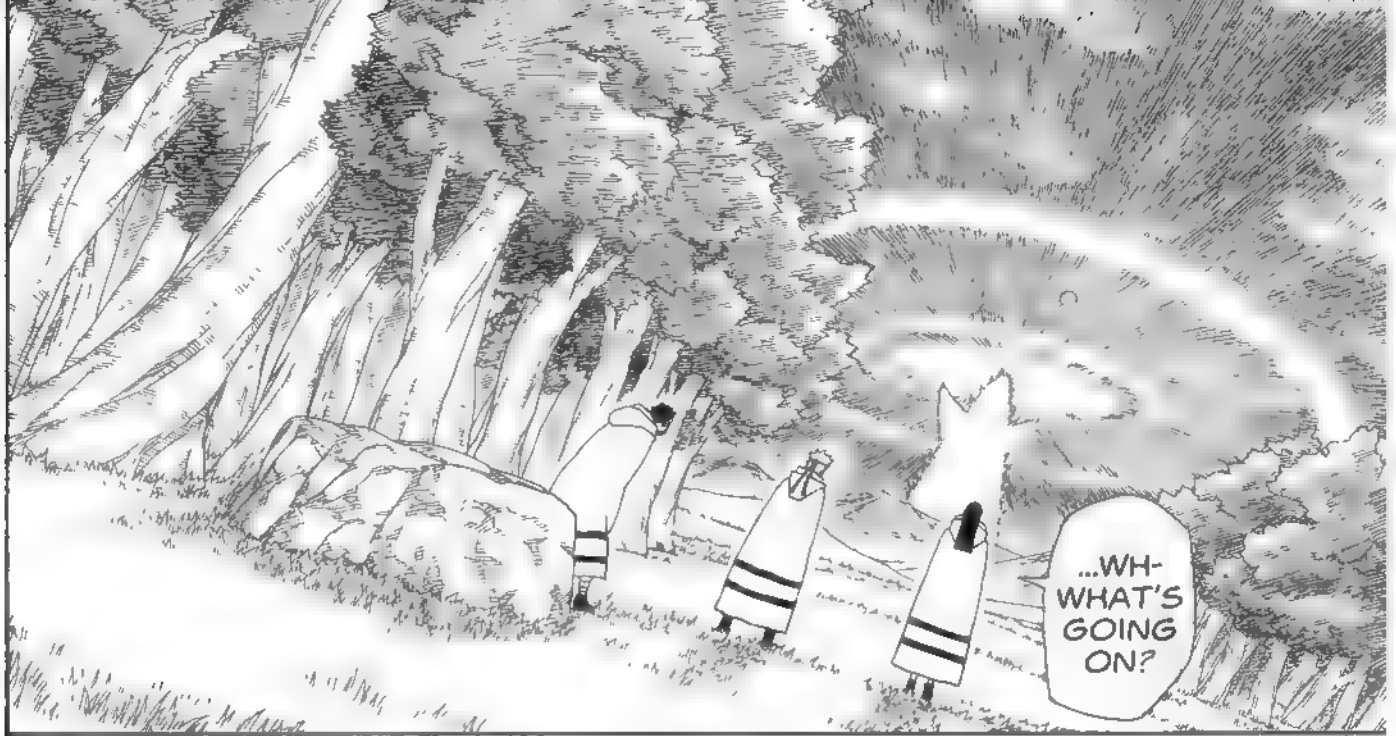


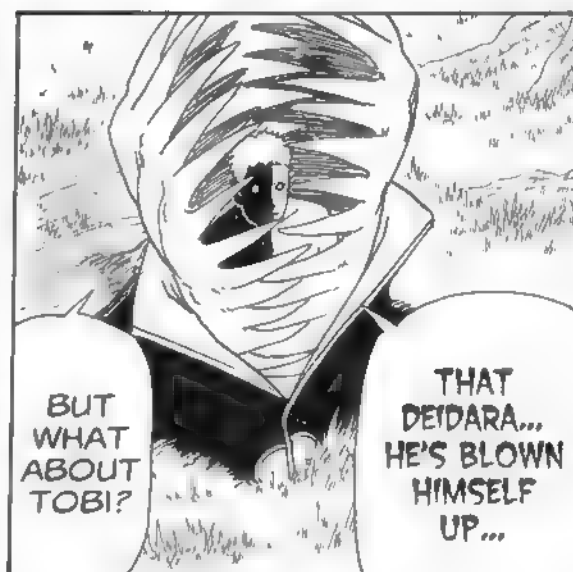
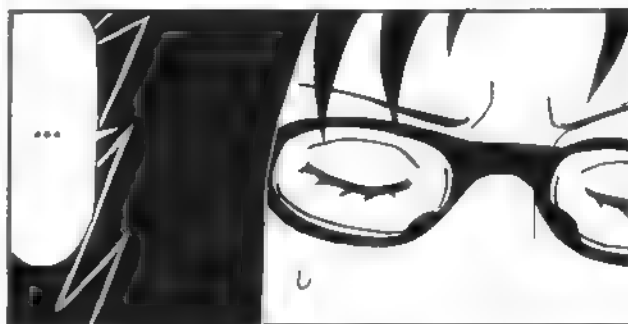


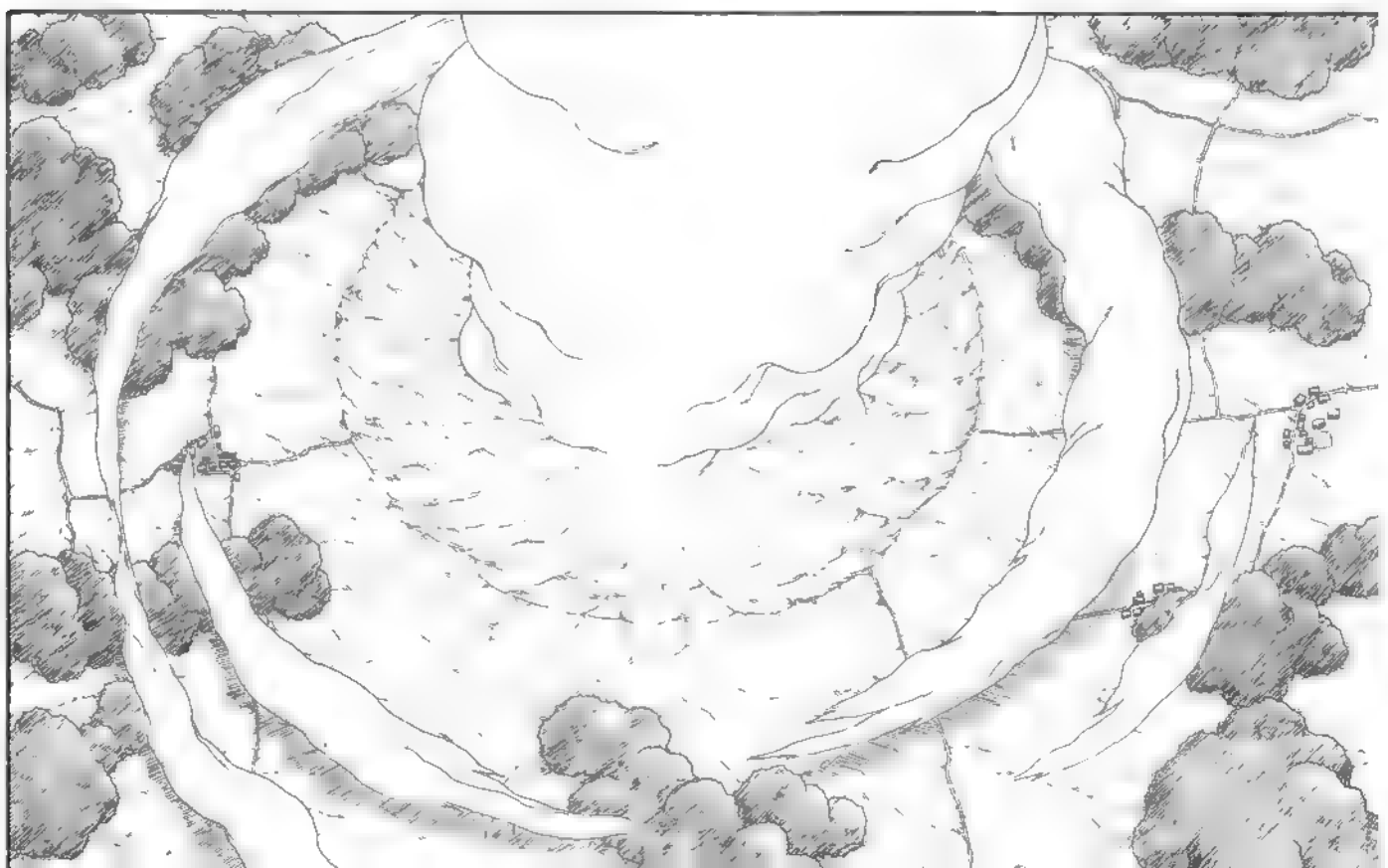


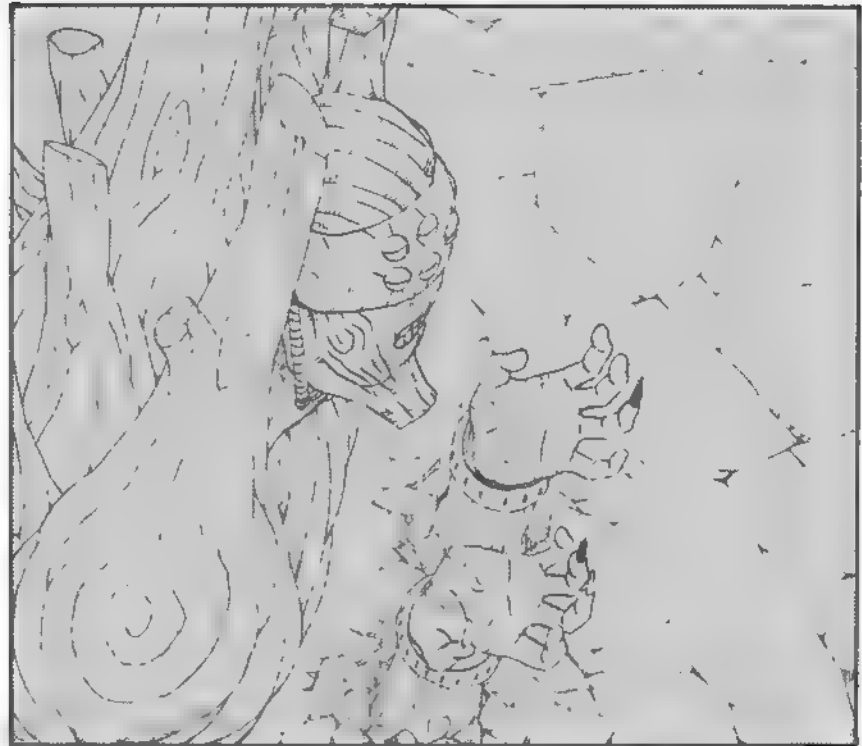
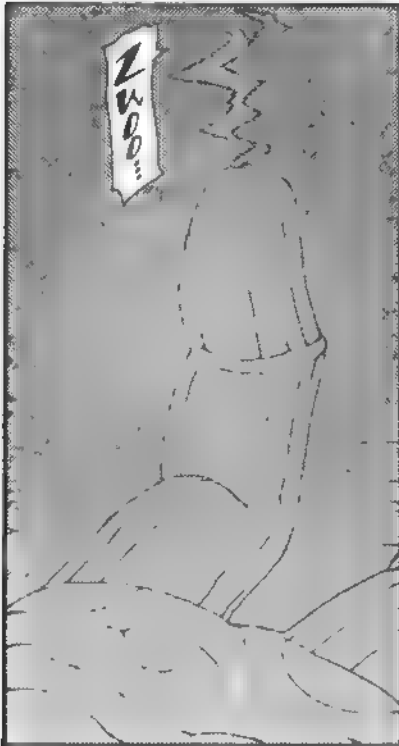


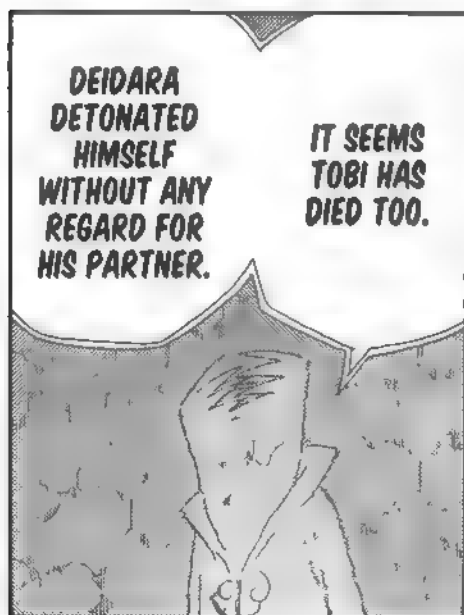


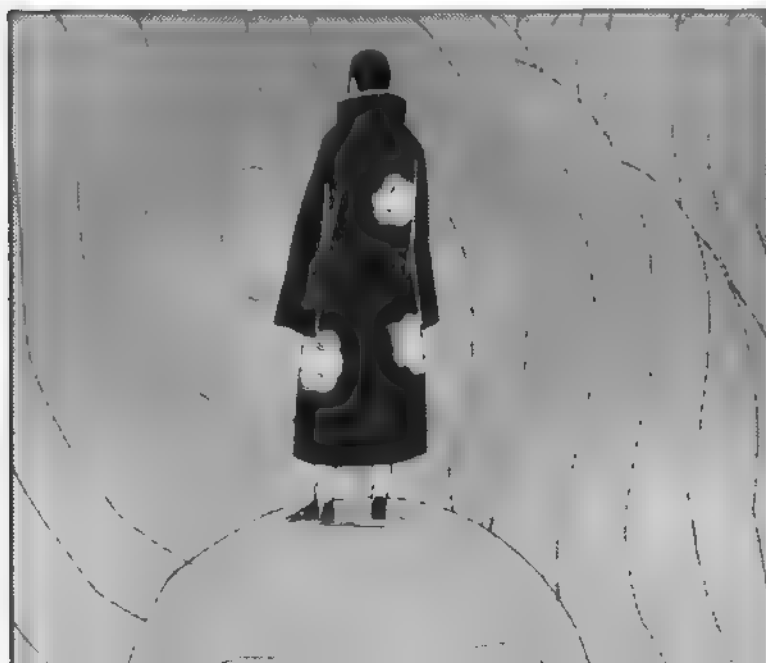


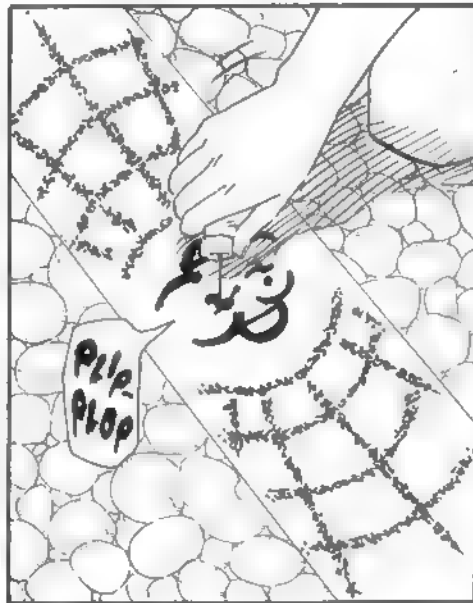
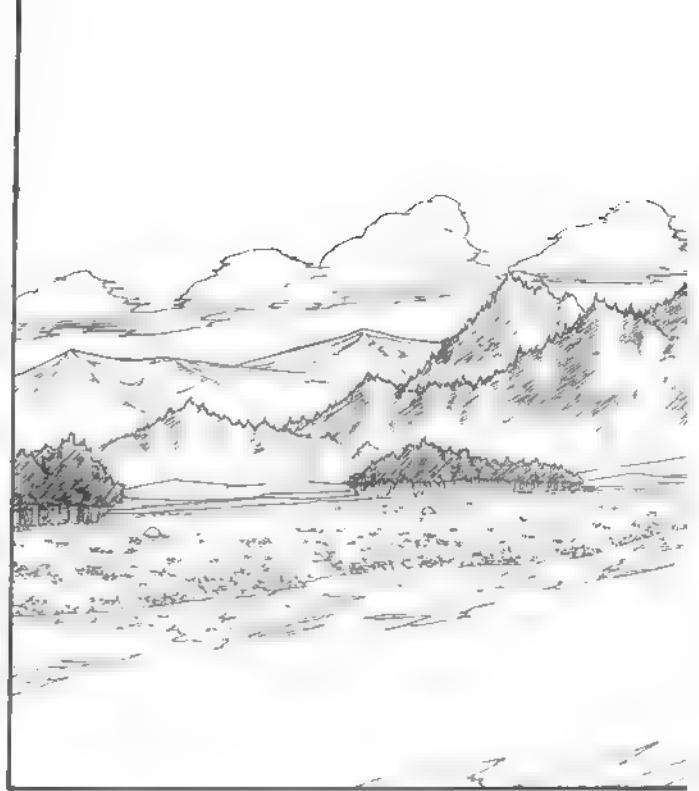
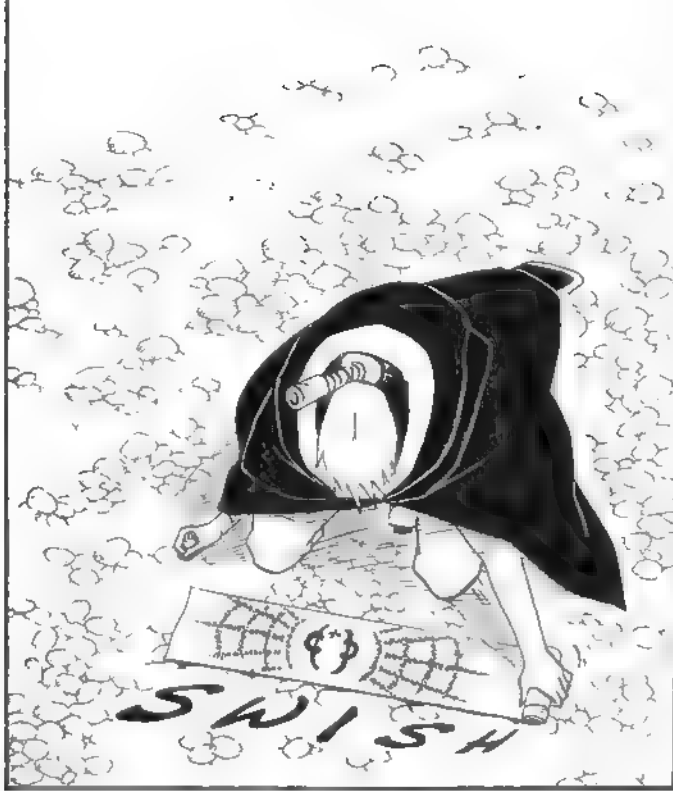


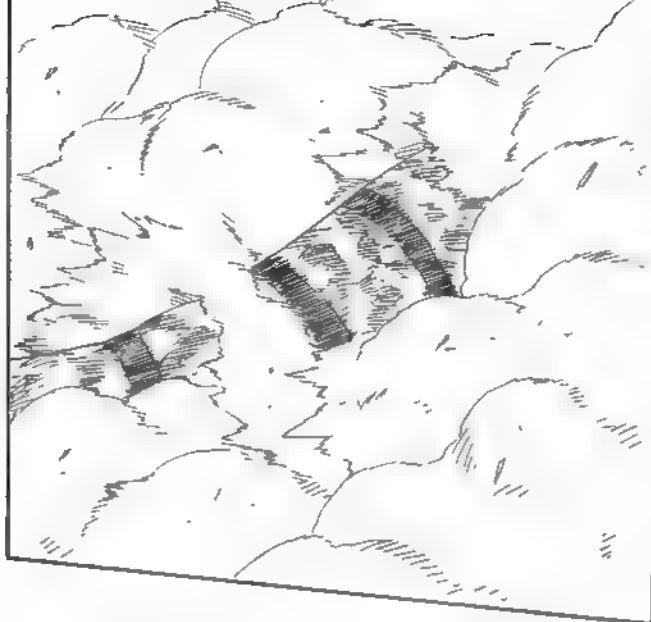




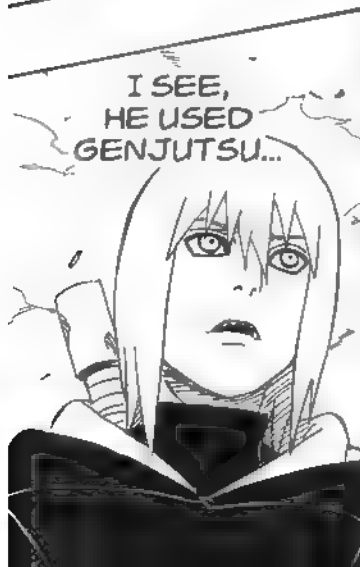
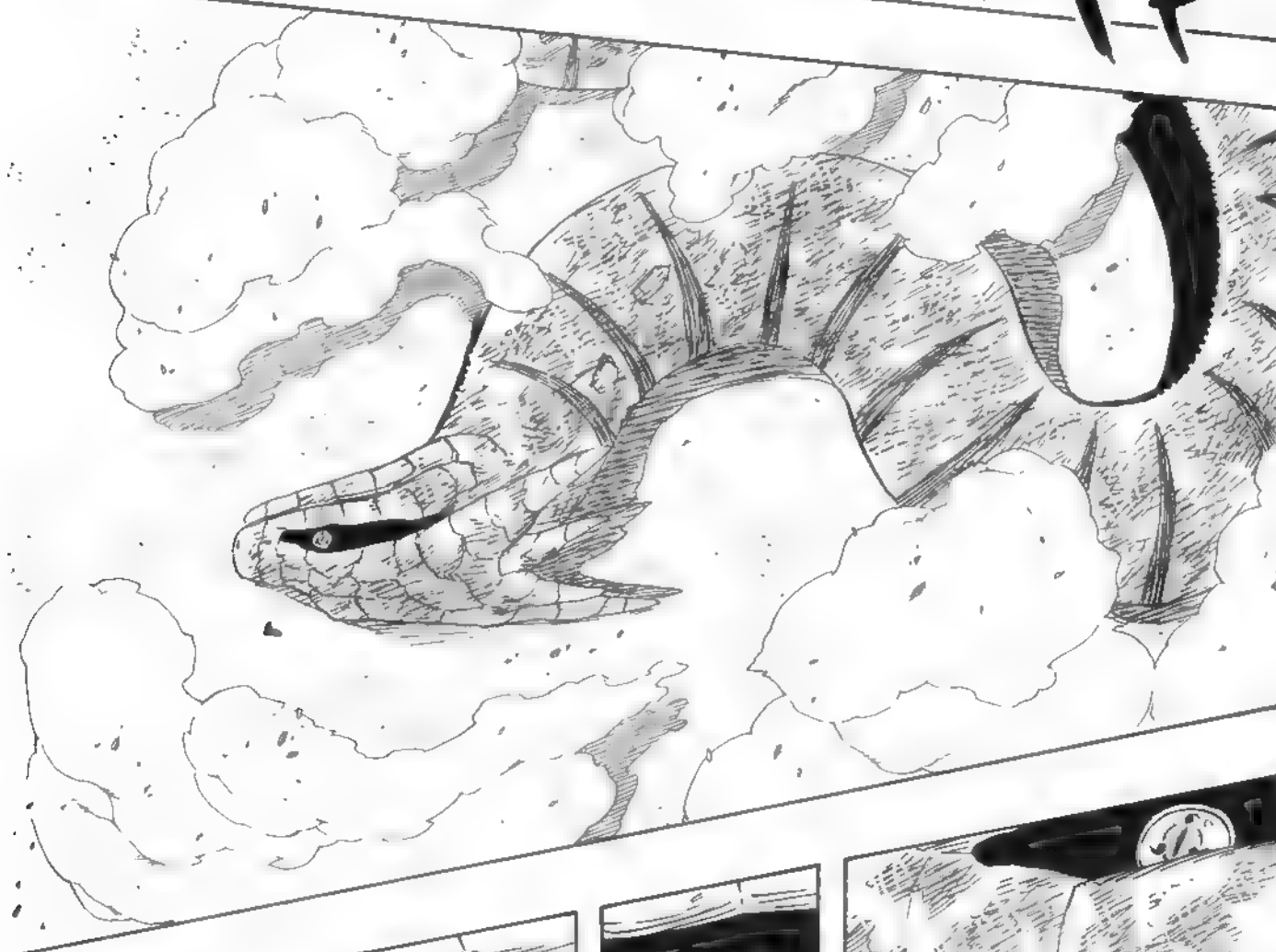








BO
FF



I SEE,
HE USED
GENJUTSU...

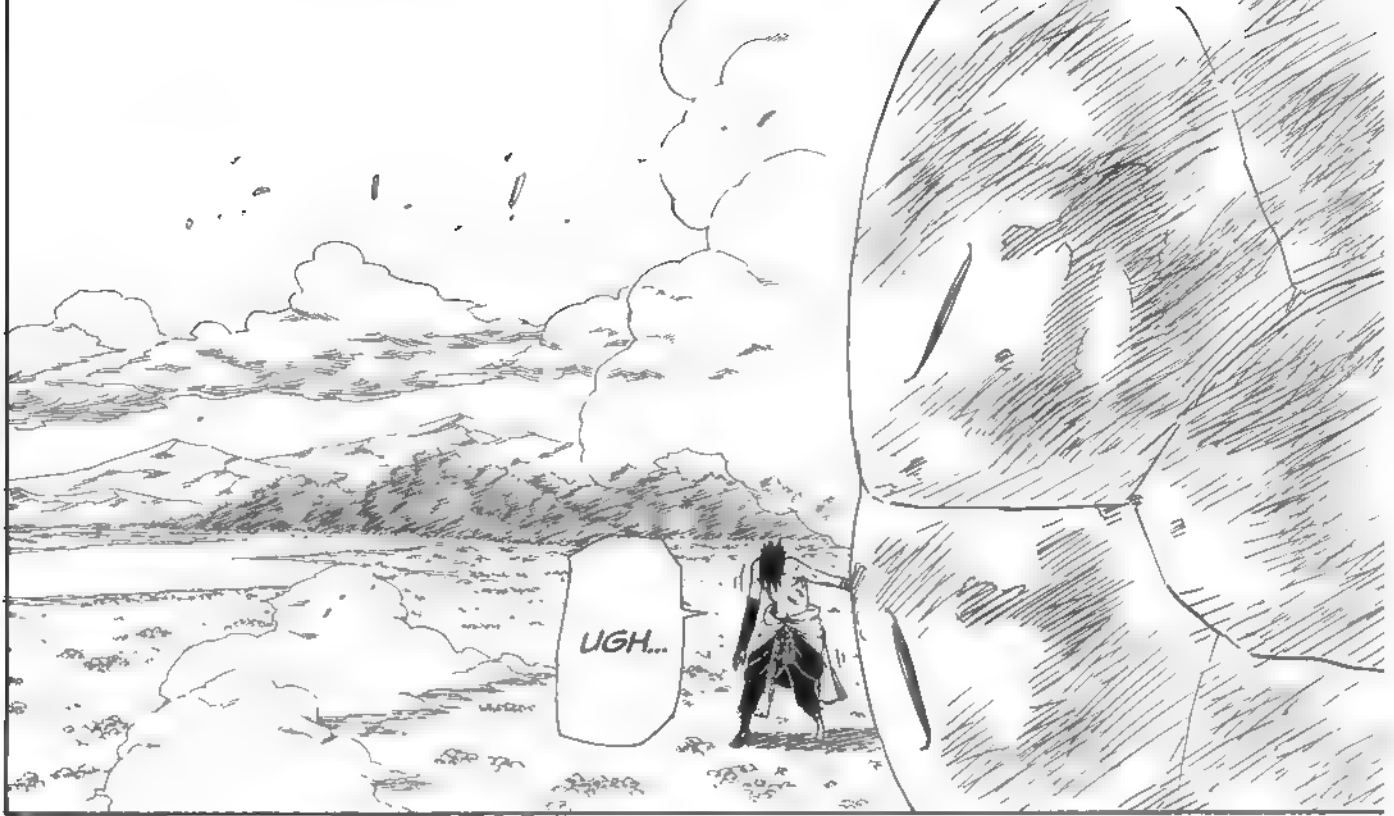


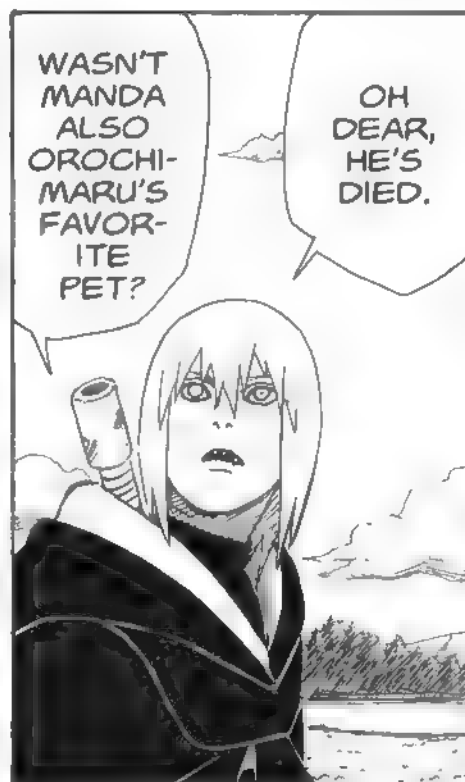
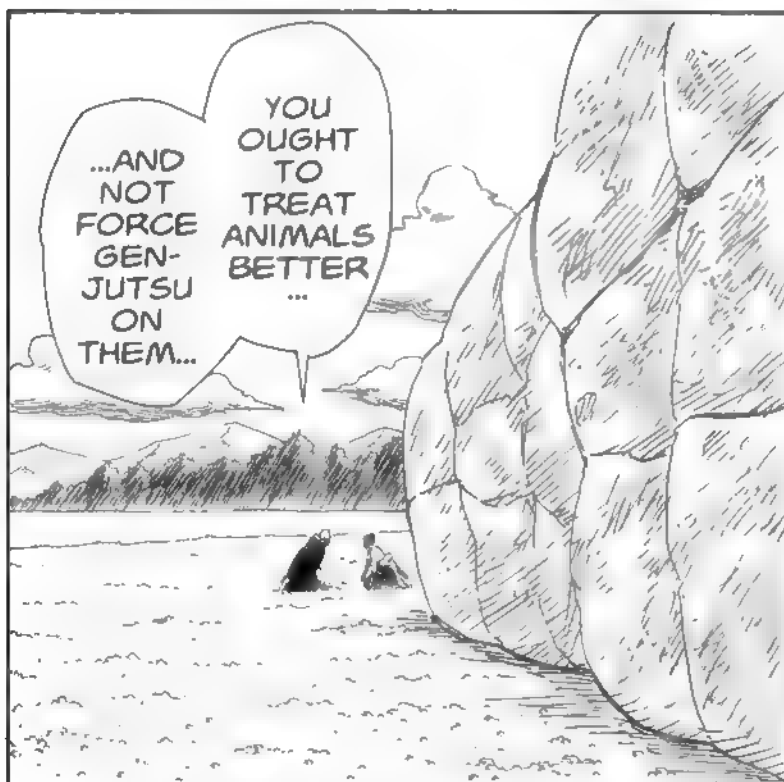
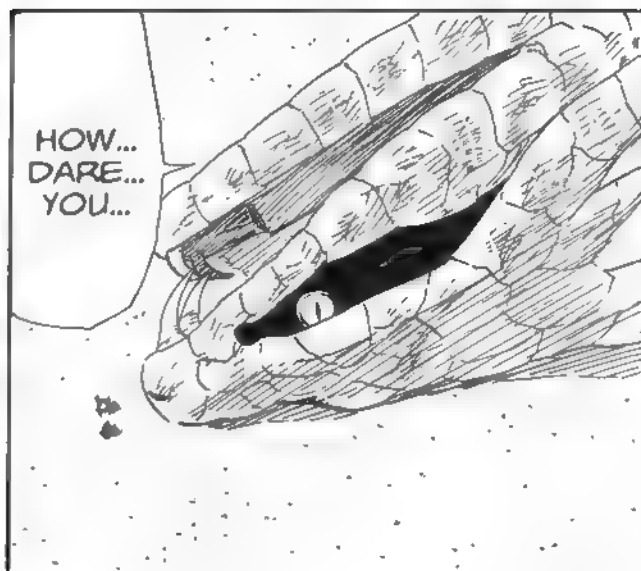
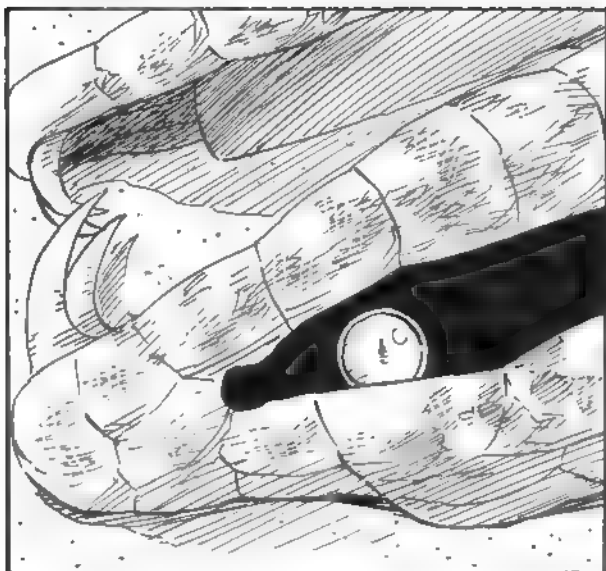
WHOOSH...

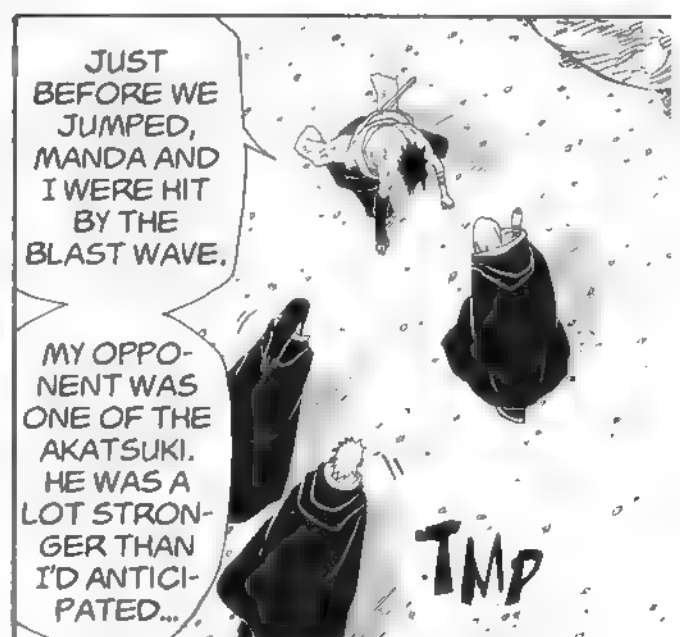


I KNOW
EVEN HE
HAD
TROUBLE
CONTROLLING
THE
SERPENT,
SO HOW
DID
SASUKE
...

S-SO
THIS IS
OROCHI-
MARU'S
FAMILIAR,
MANDA,
HUH...

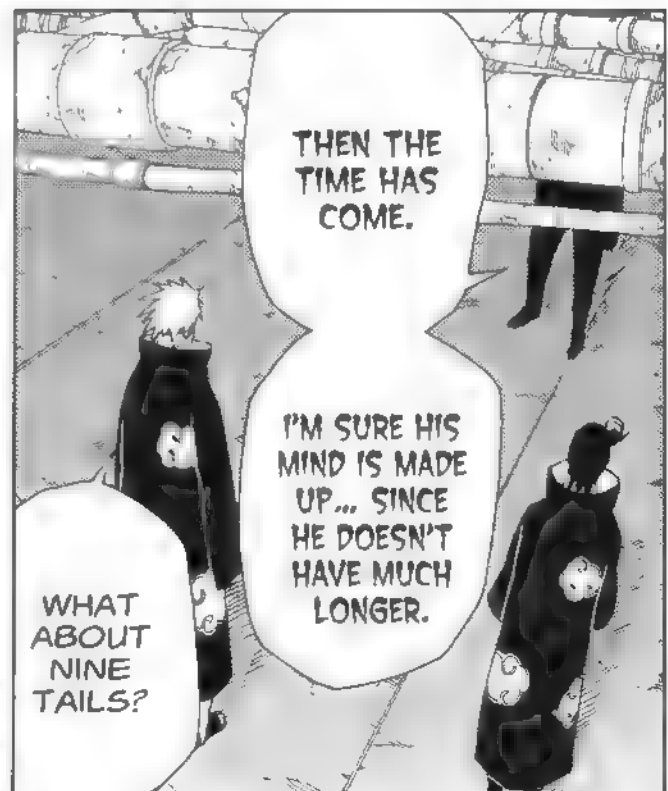










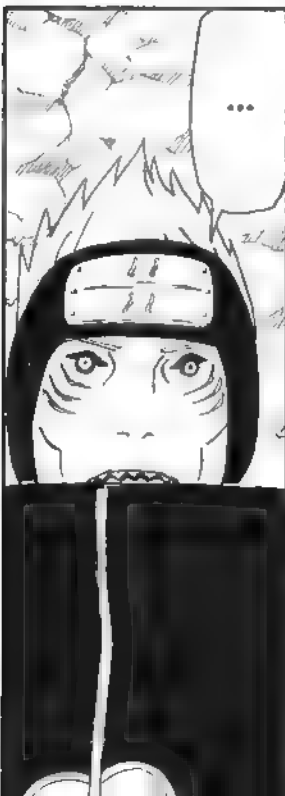
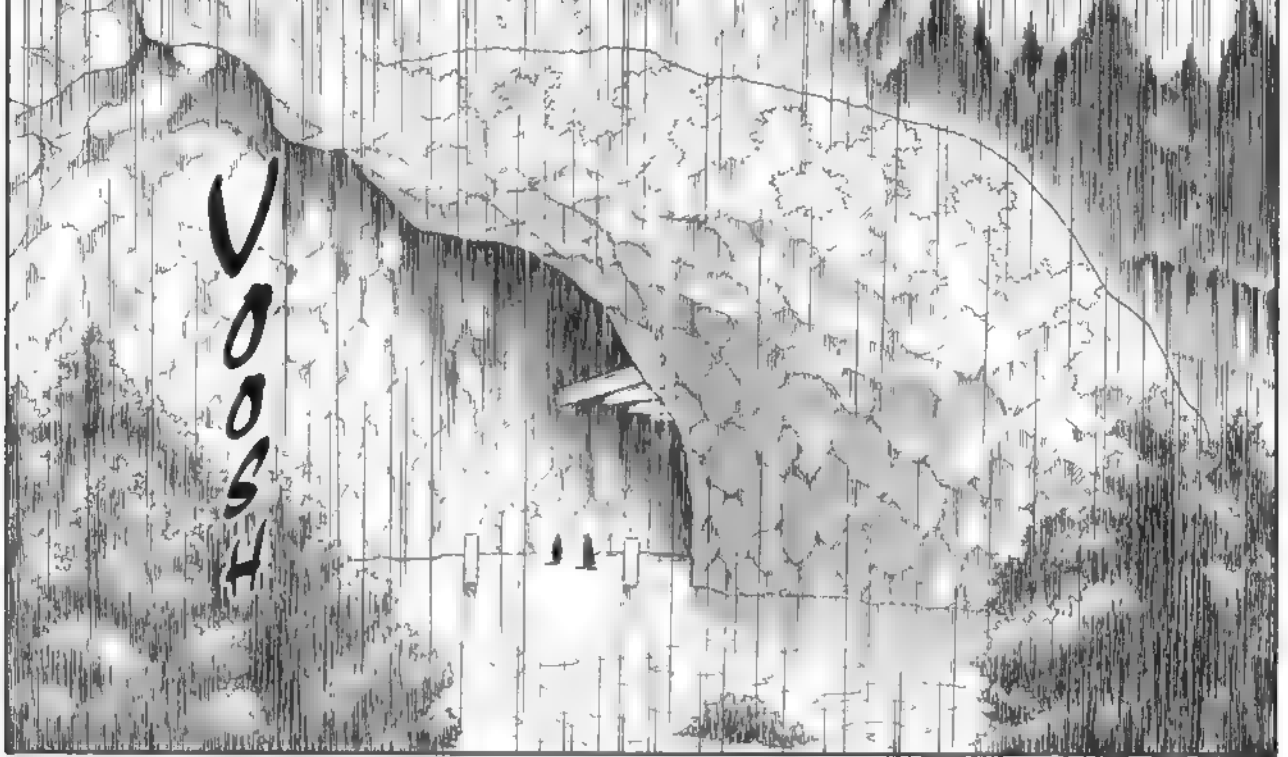


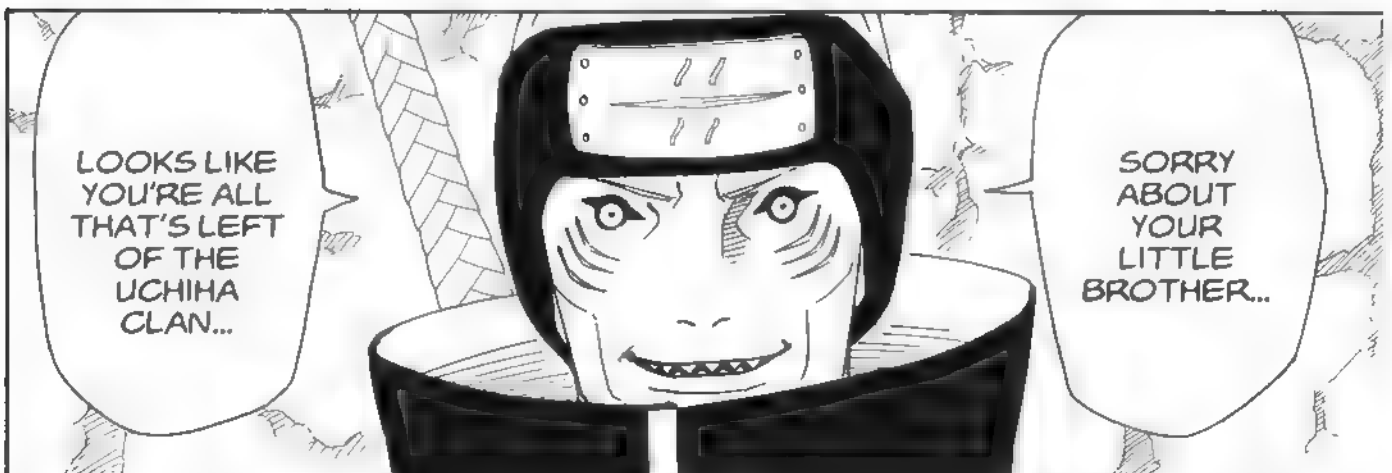
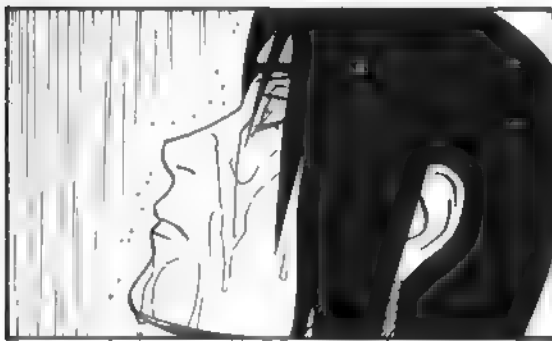


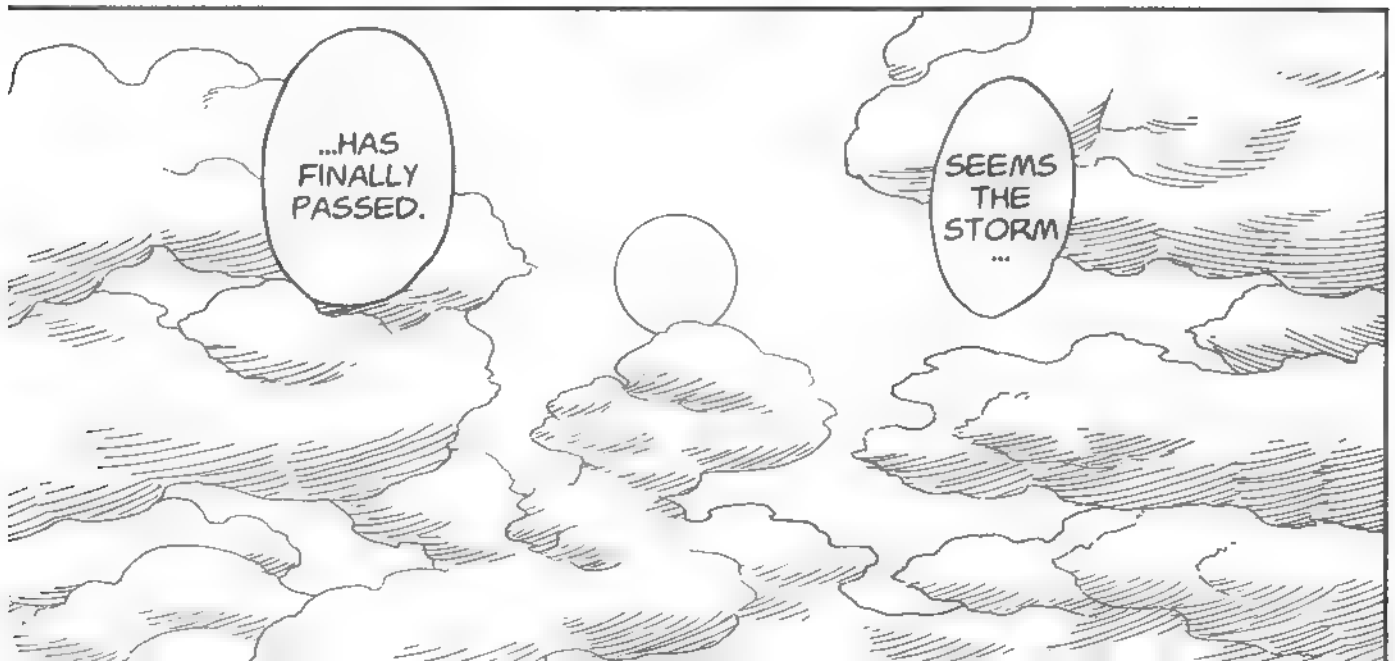
Number
364:
The
Target...
!!

NARUTO



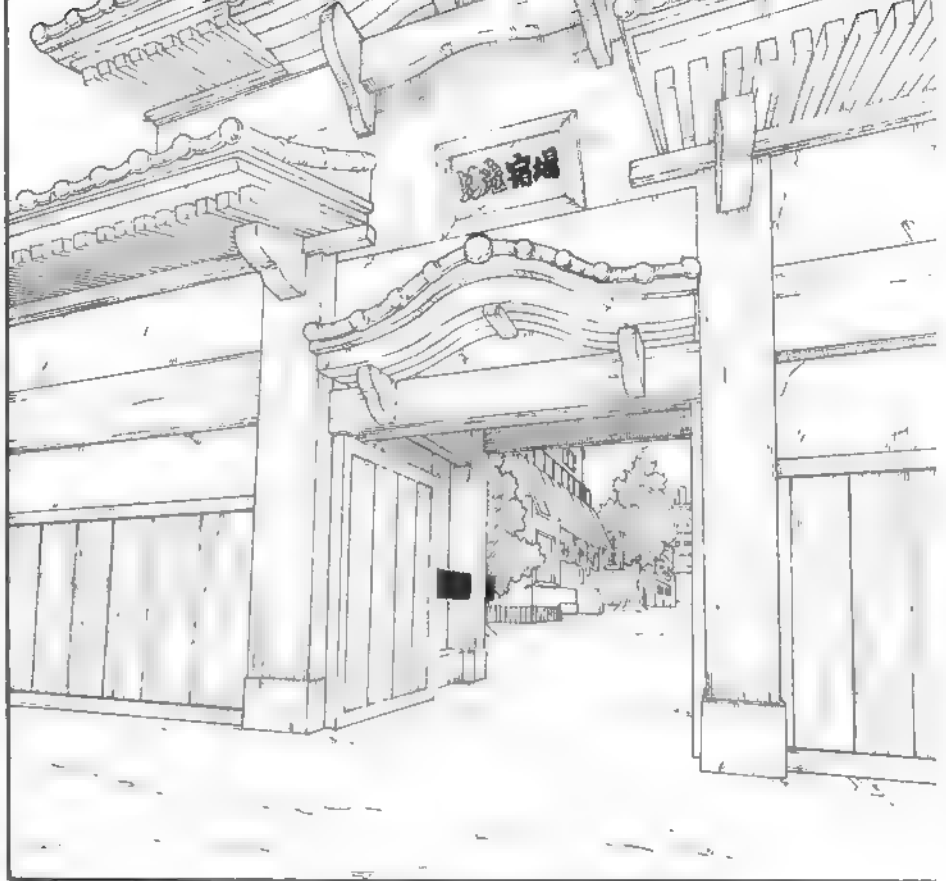




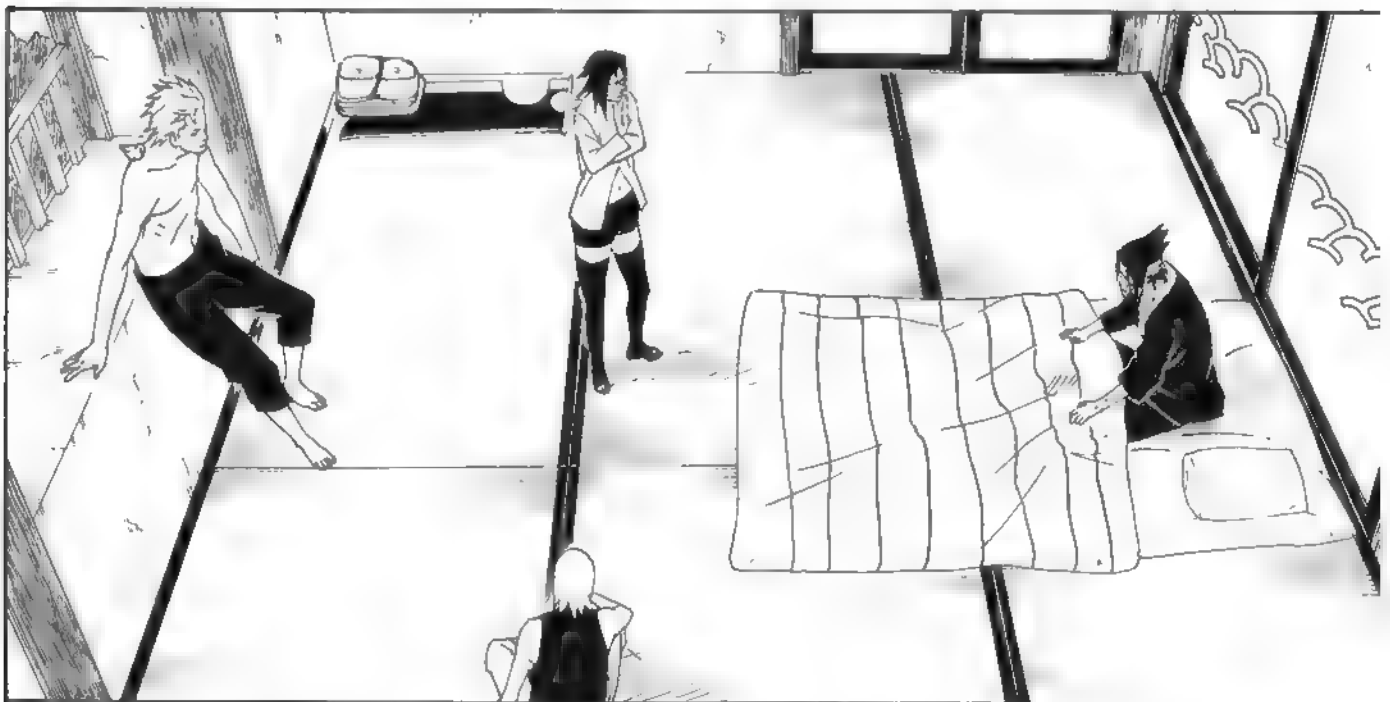


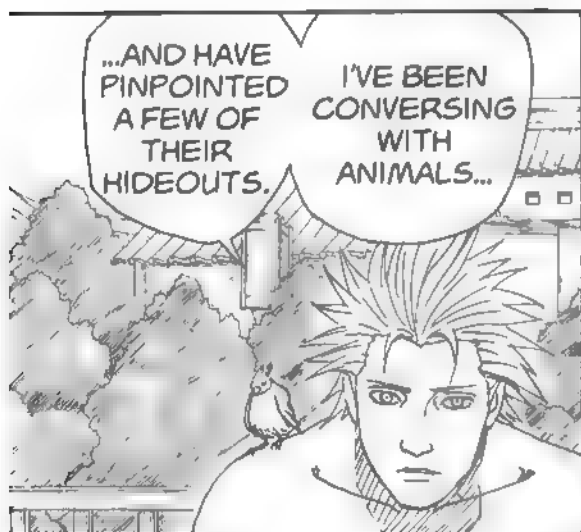


(INN OKOSHI)



(NIKKO RELAY STATION)





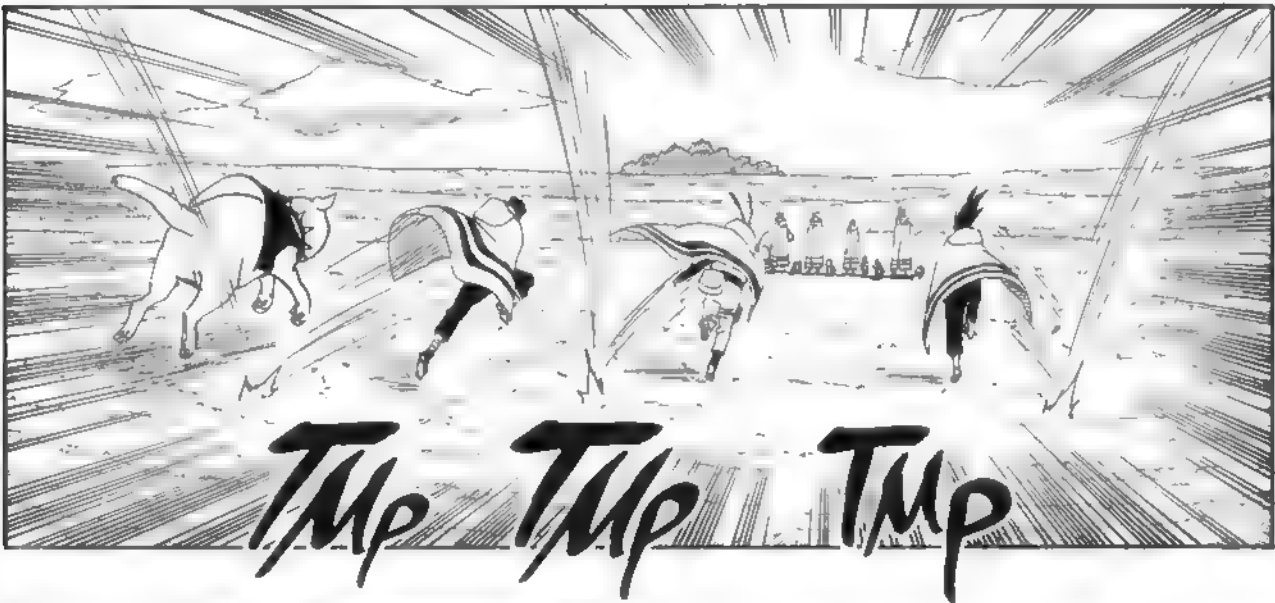
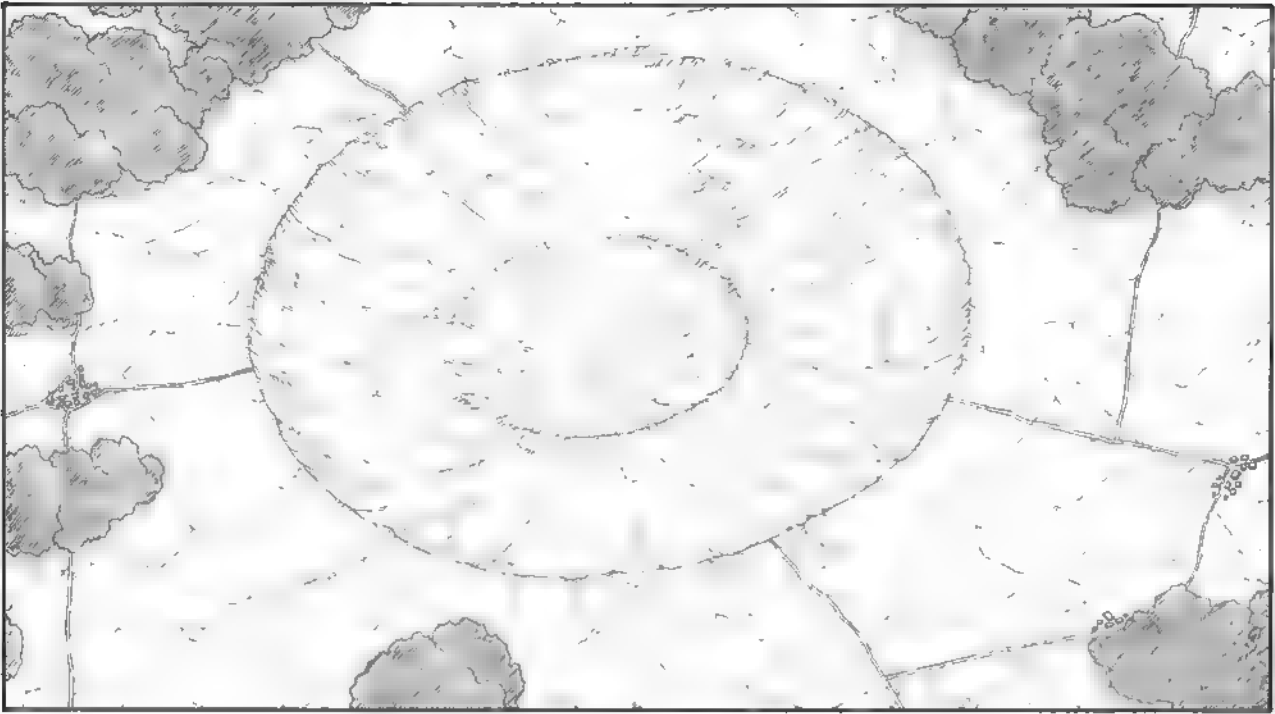




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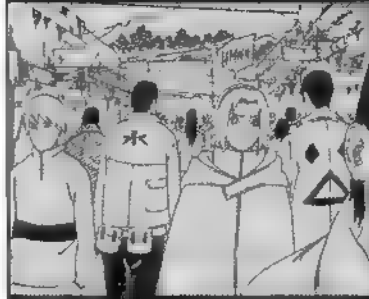


BUT TWO
OUT OF THE
REMAINING
SIX SCENTS
BELONG TO
AKATSUKI
MEMBERS...

SASUKE'S
PROBABLY
FORMED HIS
OWN CELL
AND IS NOW
ON THE
MOVE.



THEN,
THAT
TIME...



IMPOSSIBLE.



OK... SO, WHAT
ARE WE
WAITING FOR?
LET'S FOLLOW
SASUKE'S
SCENT!



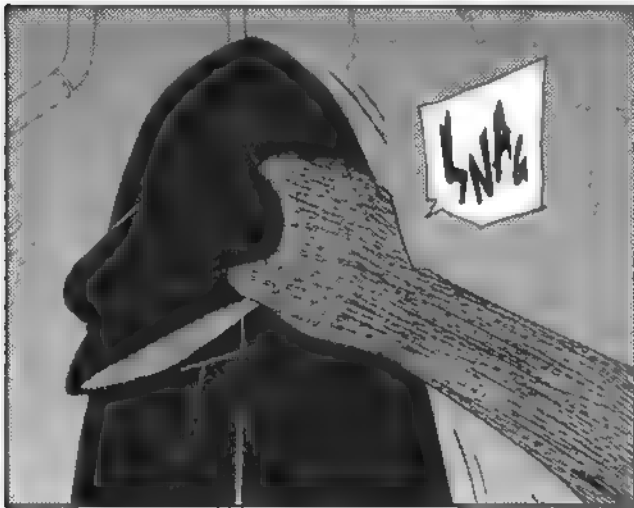
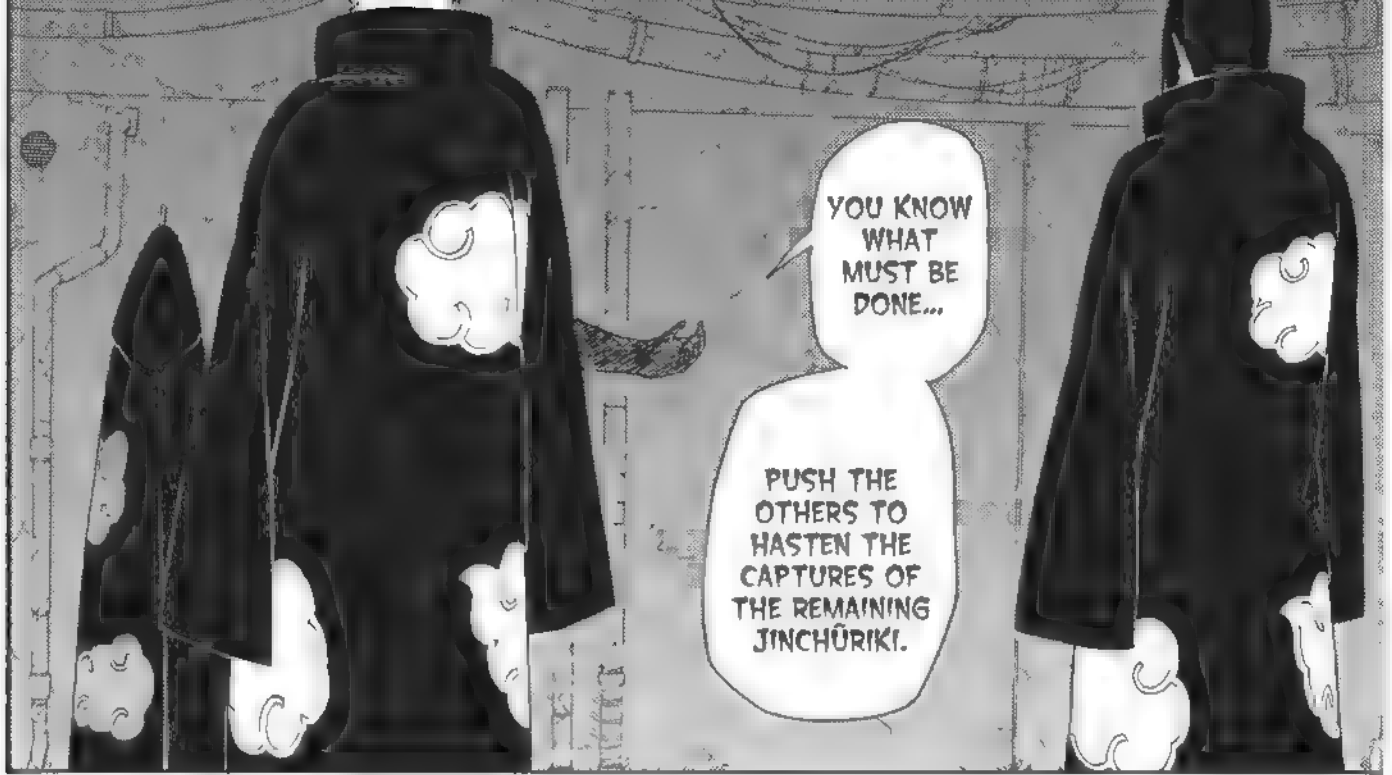
HOW
COME?!

HUH?!







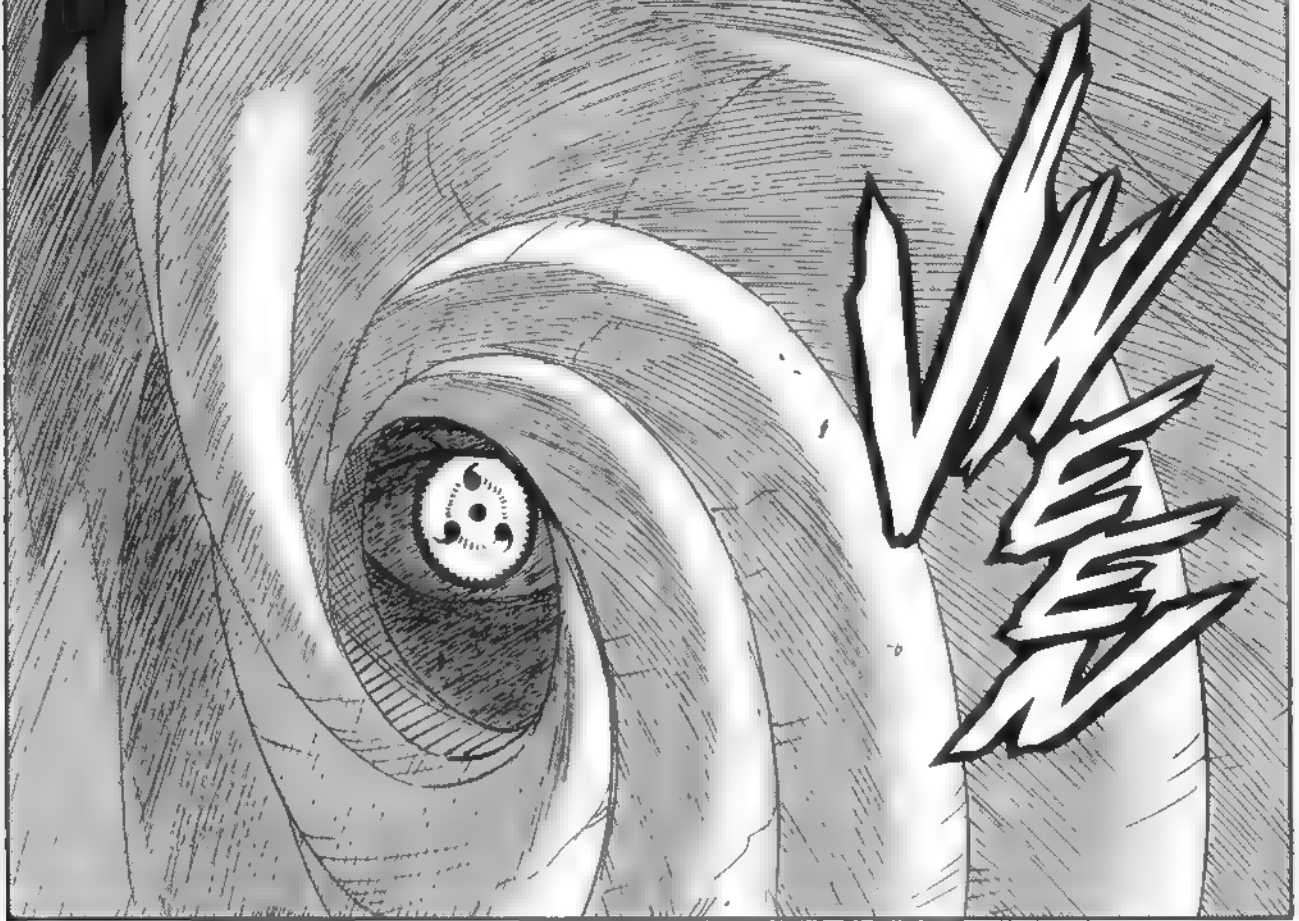




A black and white manga panel featuring Uchiha Madara. He is standing on a stone ledge, looking down with a serious expression. He wears his signature black robe with a white cloud emblem on the chest and a long, flowing black cape. His right eye is a Sharingan, depicted with its characteristic spiral pattern. The background shows a detailed, sketchy view of a village with traditional Japanese-style buildings and a bridge. Two speech bubbles are present: one on the left and one on the right.

...MY
POWER...
UCHIHA
MADARA...

...INCLUDING
THE TRUE
POWER OF
THE
SHARINGAN...



PAIN...

...ARE YOU...?



THE SKY
WEEPS
AGAIN...

NARUTO



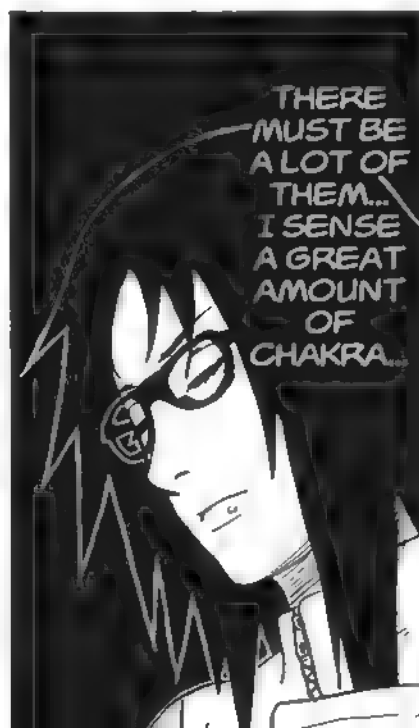
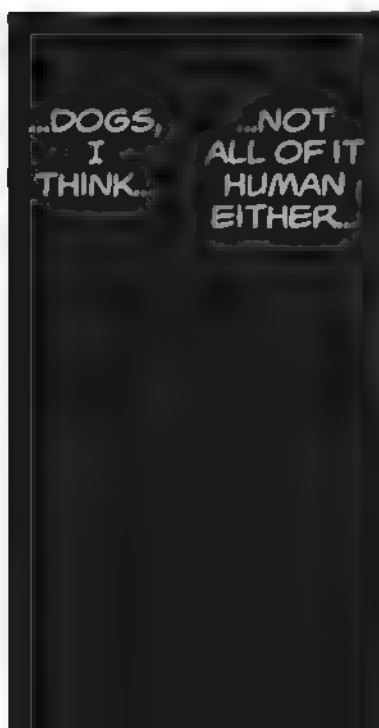
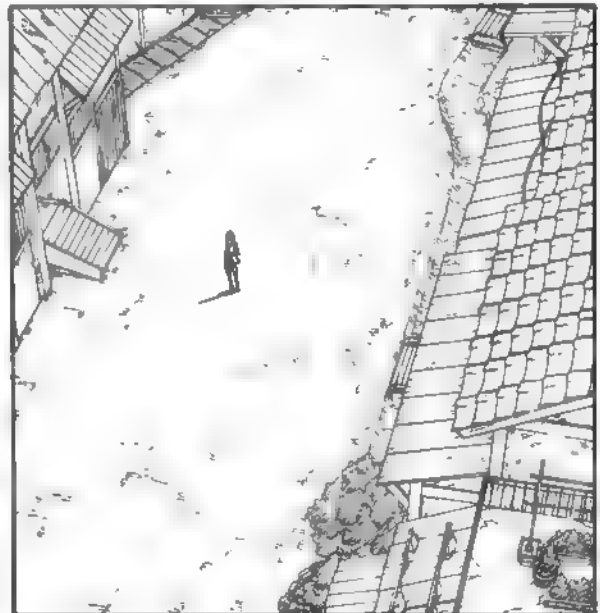
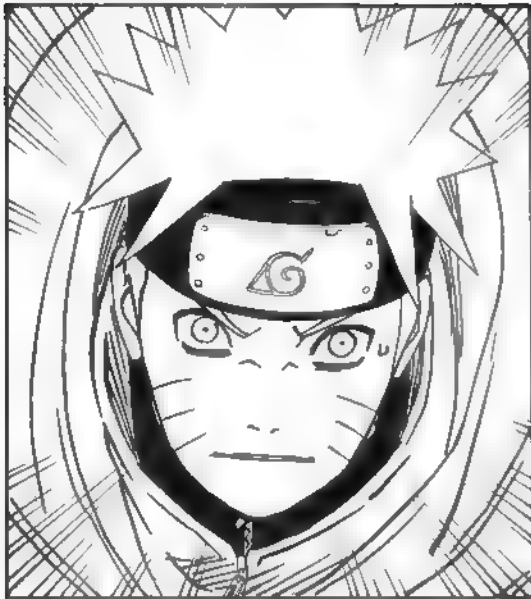
Number 365: Pursue Itachi!







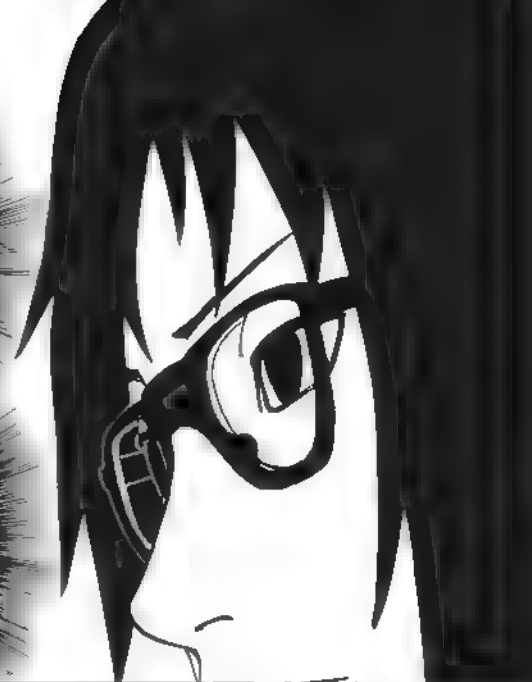






...SO
THEY'RE
TRACKING
US BY
SCENT,
HUH...

EITHER
AKATSUKI...
OR
KONoha...



DO ME A
FAVOR
AND TRY
TO CON-
TROL
YOUR-
SELF.

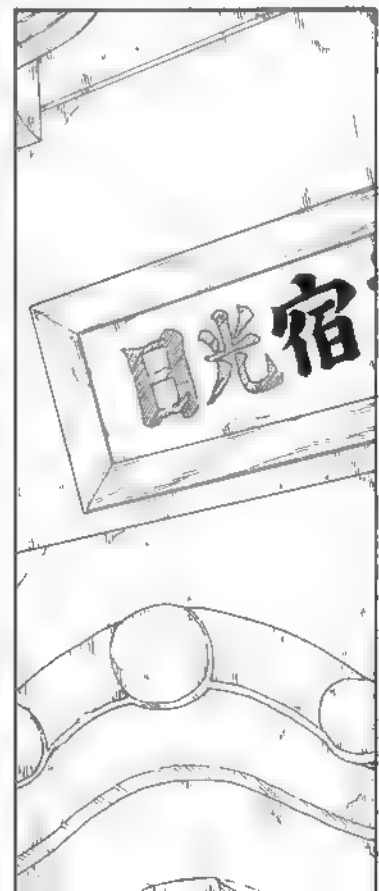
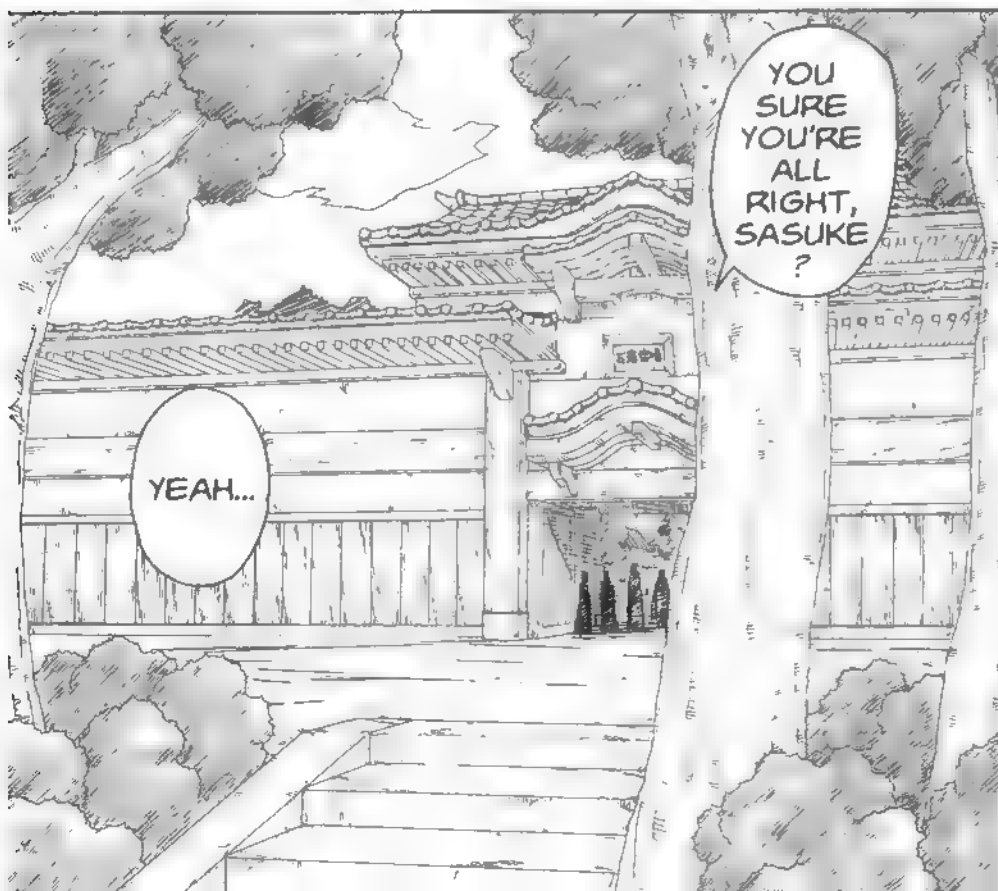
YEAH,
NO PRO-
BLEM.

JUGO!
I'M
GONNA
GO CHECK
ON KARIN.



WAKE
UP,
SASUKE
!!

ARGH!!

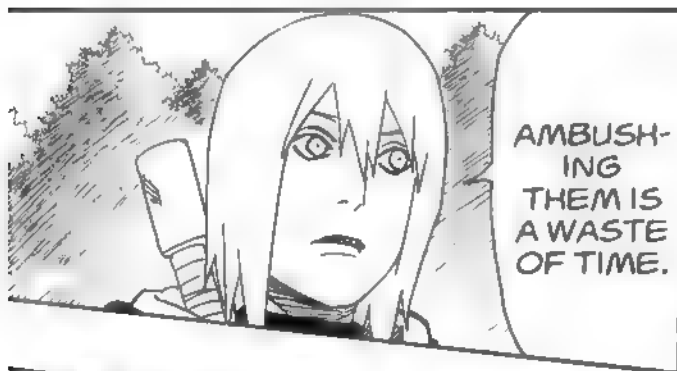


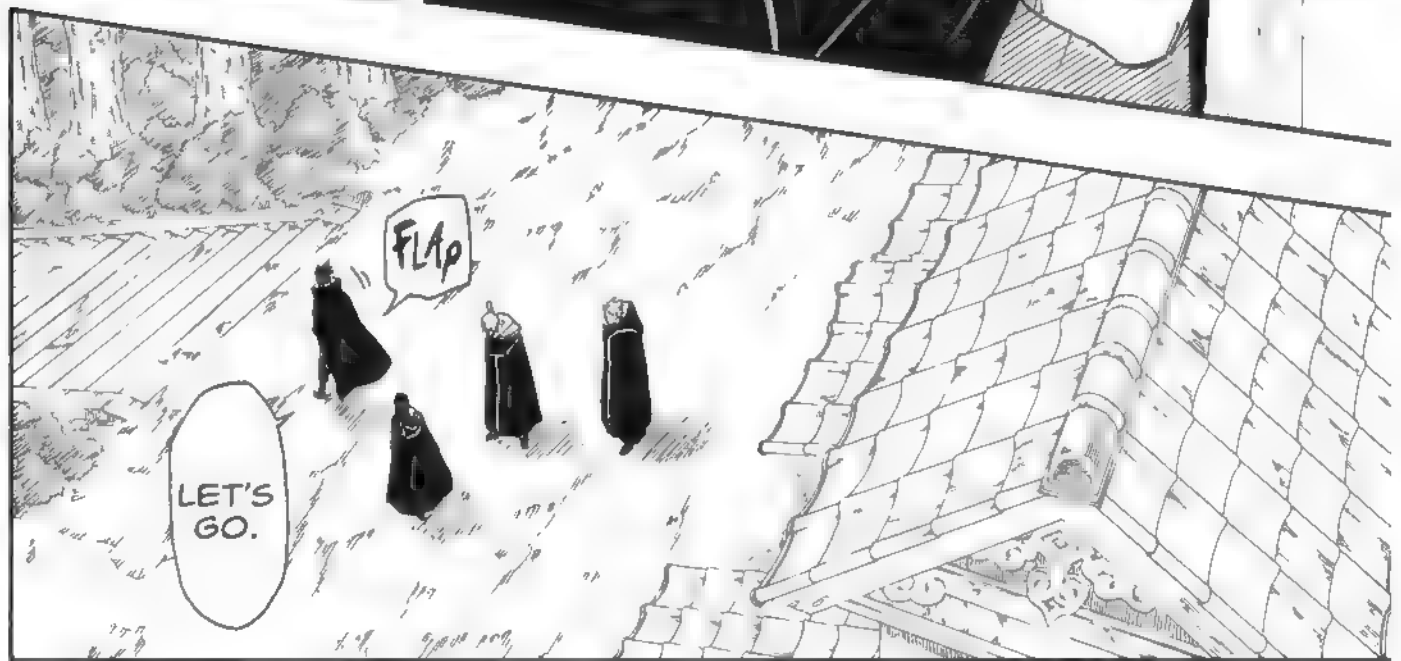
FLAP

I'VE BEEN
HEALING A LOT
FASTER SINCE
I ABSORBED
OROCHIMARU'S
POWER.

SHUP







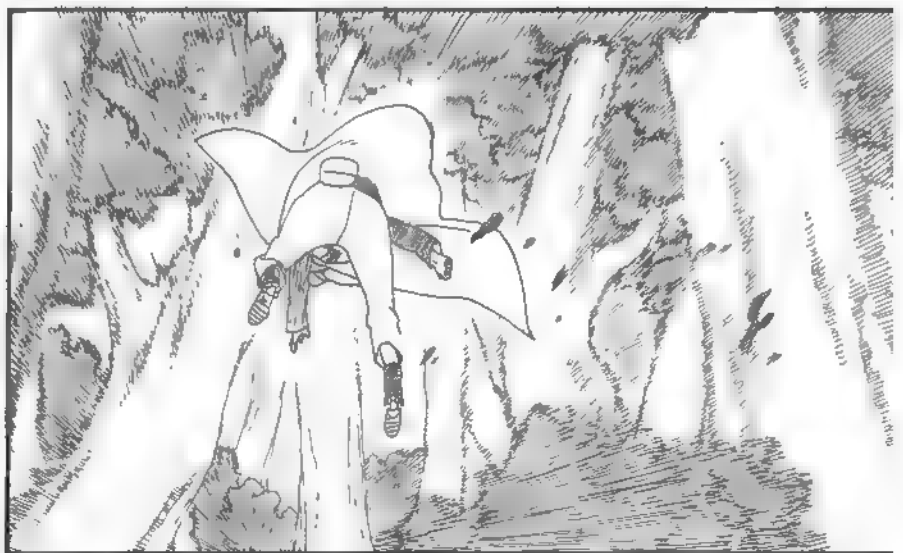
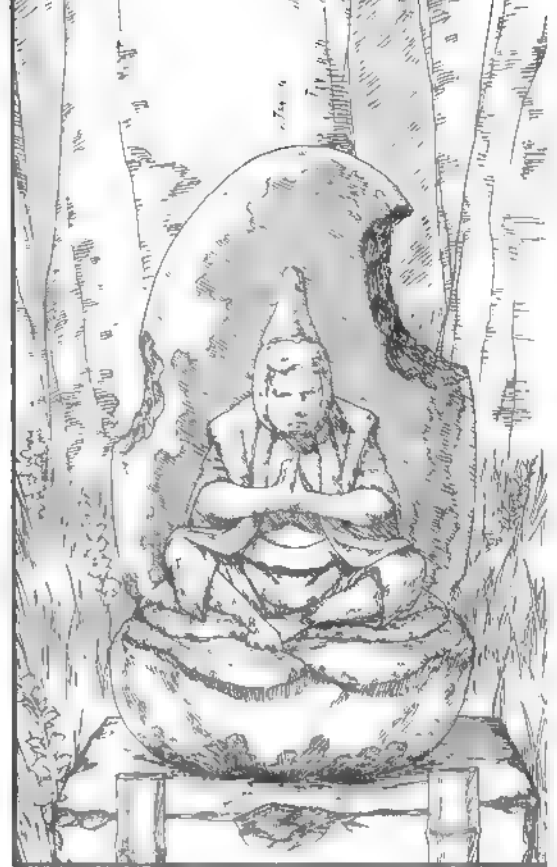


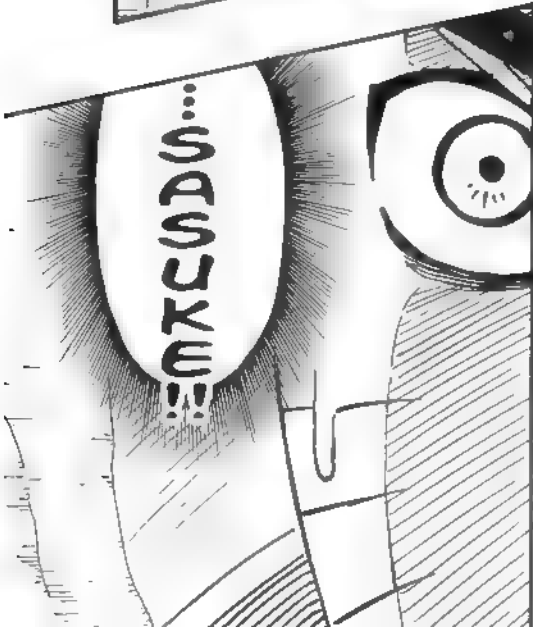
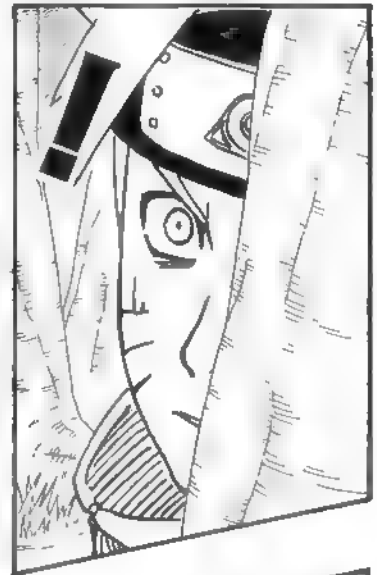
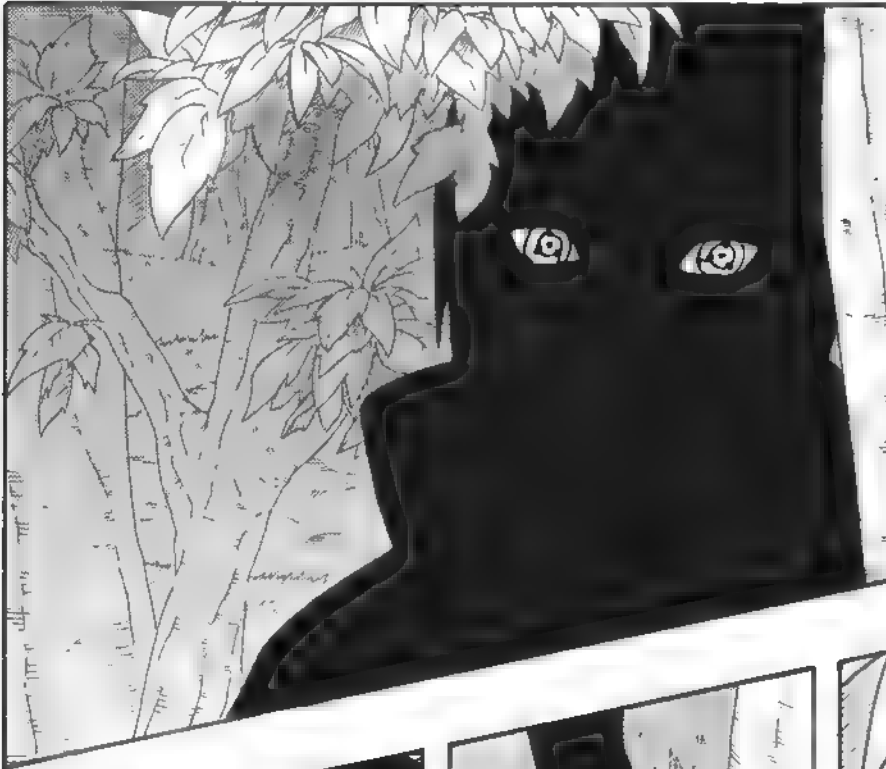
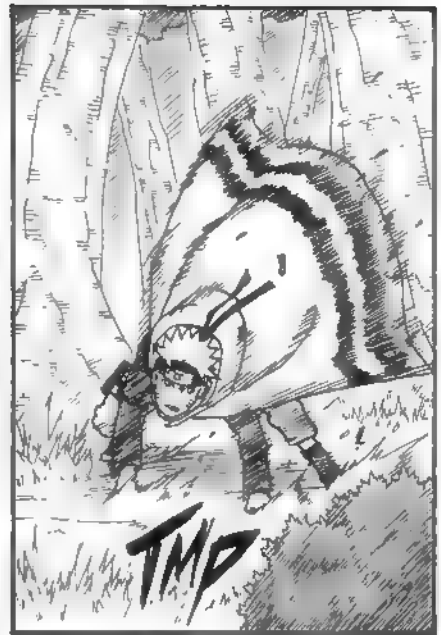
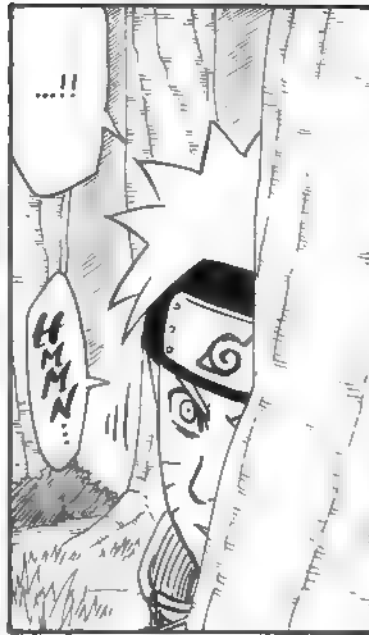
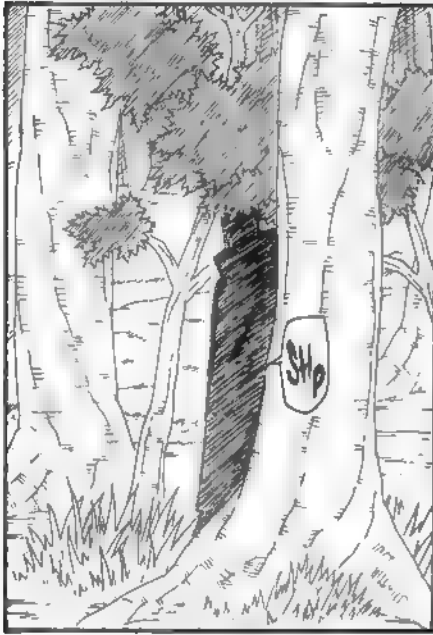


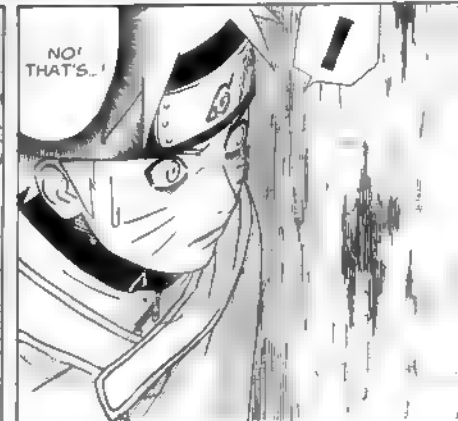












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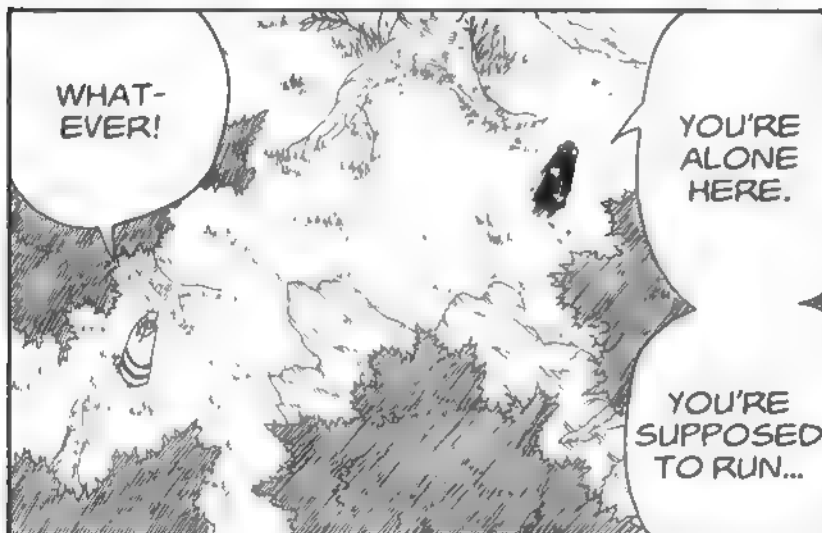
IT'S LIKE
FIGHTING TWO
PEOPLE AT
ONCE!

BUT THIS GUY
CAN CAST
GENJUTSU
ON HIS
TARGET WITH
THE SAME
FINGER HE
USES TO
MAKE SEALS...



IF TWO
ON ONE,
GO FOR
HIS
BACK....!

WHEN YOU
FACE THE
SHARINGAN,
IF ONE ON
ONE, YOU
DEFINITELY
RUN...



WHAT-
EVER!

YOU'RE
ALONE
HERE.

YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO RUN...



DIDN'T
GRANNY
CHIYO
TEACH
YOU
ANYTHING
ABOUT
FIGHTING
THE
SHARIN-
GAN?

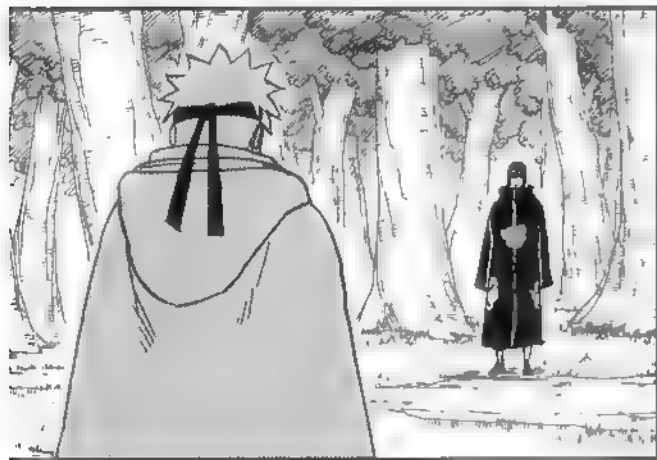


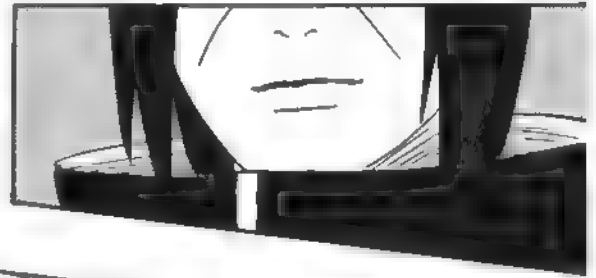
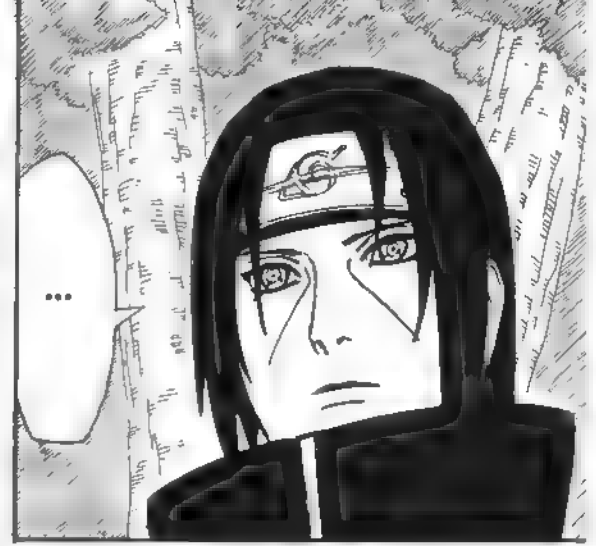
IF I CATCH
YOU, I'LL GET
TO SEE
SASUKE
AGAIN!!

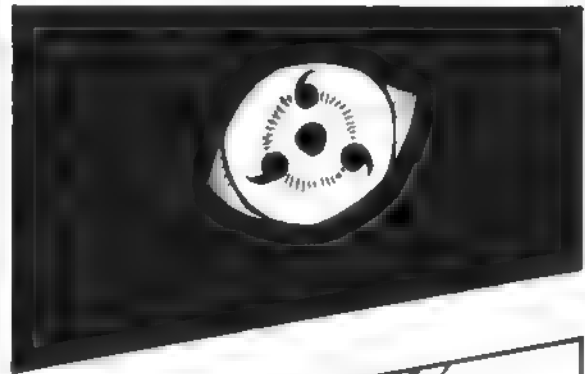
BESIDES,
WHY WOULD
I WANT TO
RUN?!

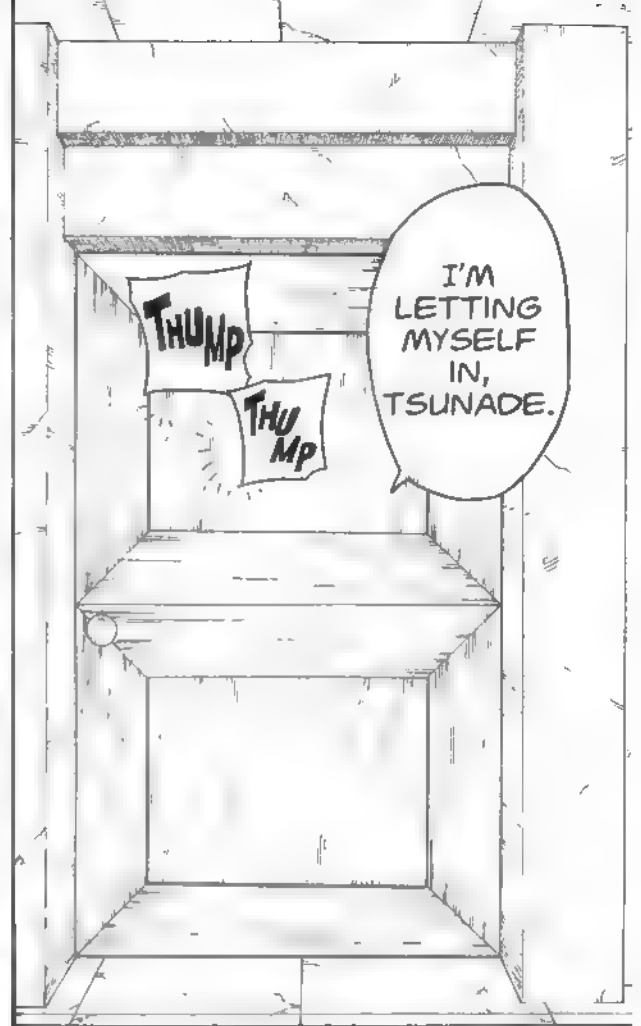


I CAN BE
ANY
NUMBER
FROM ONE
TO ONE
THOUSAND!













YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
CERTAIN THE
AKATSUKI
LEADER IS IN
THE HIDDEN
RAIN VILLAGE?

SO...



UH... YOU
REALLY
OUGHT TO
TAKE YOUR
OWN
WORDS A
BIT MORE
TO HEART...

YOU ARE
HOKAGE,
AFTER
ALL.

PHEW-
WEE



MAINTAINING
ABSOLUTE CON-
TROL OVER THEIR
INTERNAL AFFAIRS
PREVENTS NEWS
FROM GETTING OUT
TO OTHER NATIONS
AND ALLOWS THEM
TO COVER UP THE
SHAME OF WHAT'S
GOING ON.

...BUT IT'S
THAT VERY
INSULAR
NATURE
THAT MAKES
IT THE IDEAL
HIDEOUT.

DOESN'T
SEEM LIKE A
PLACE THE
AKATSUKI
COULD MOVE
AROUND IN
EASILY.



IT'S A CLOSED,
INSULAR VILLAGE
THAT GIVES US
PROBLEMS EVERY
YEAR FOR THE
JOINT CHŪNIN
EXAM
PREPARATIONS.

BUT THAT PLACE
HAS EXTREMELY
STRICT ENTRY AND
DEPARTURE
INSPECTIONS,
NOT TO MENTION
VISITATION
SUPERVISION...

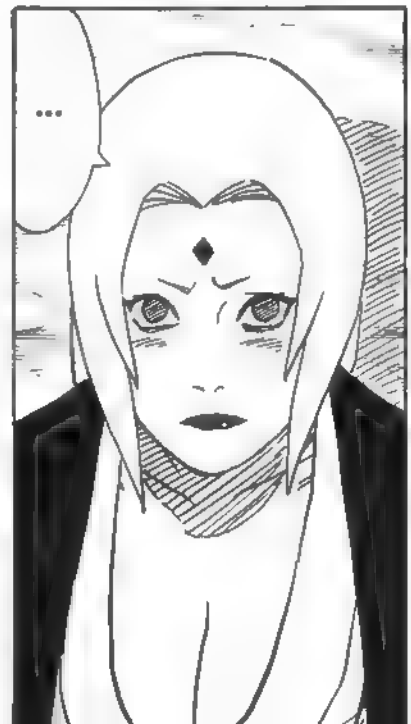
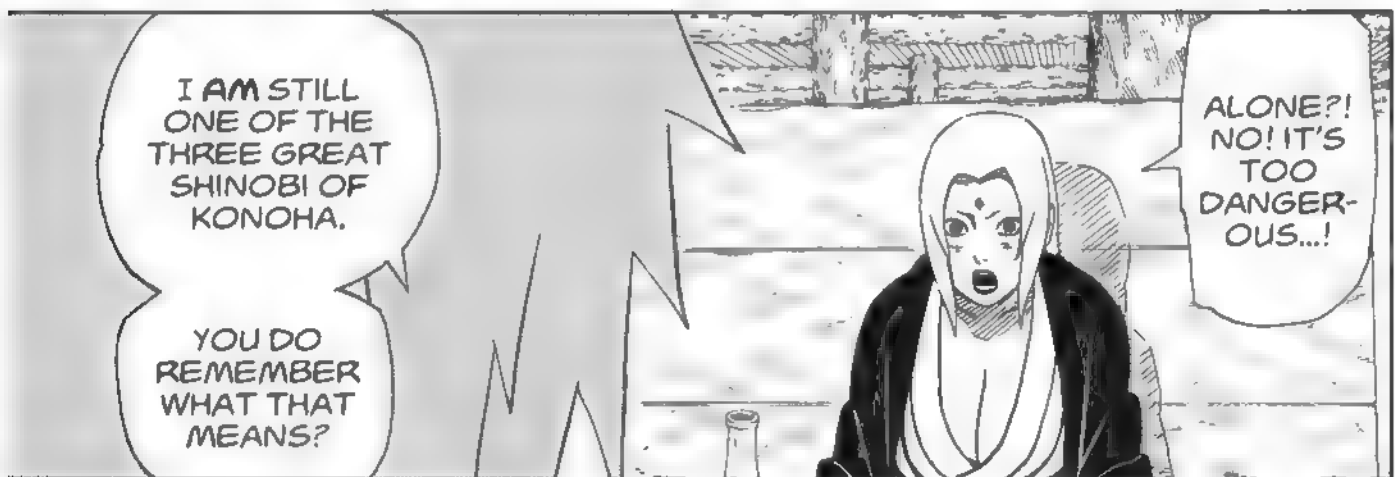


RUMOR
HAS IT THE
AKATSUKI
LEADER
CONTROLS
ONE OF THE
WARRING
FACTIONS.

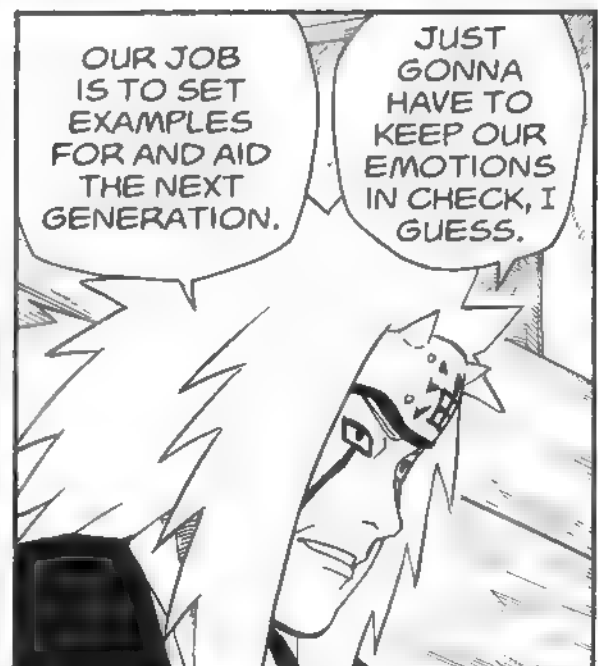
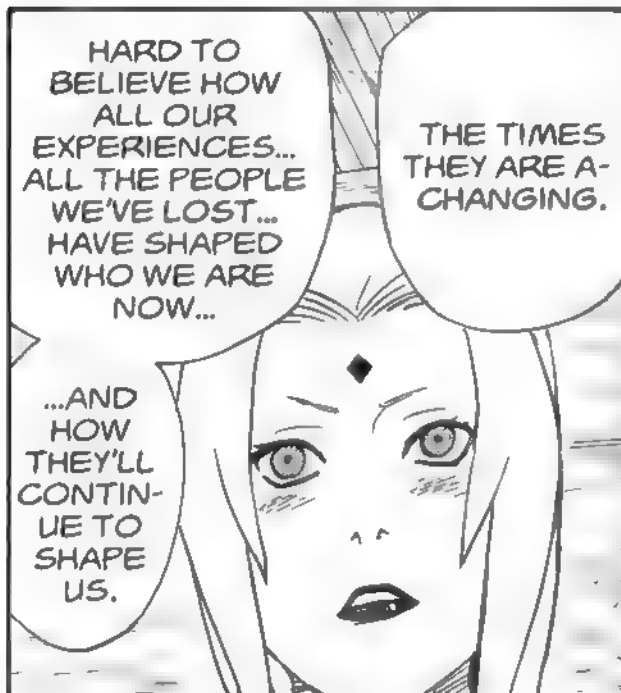
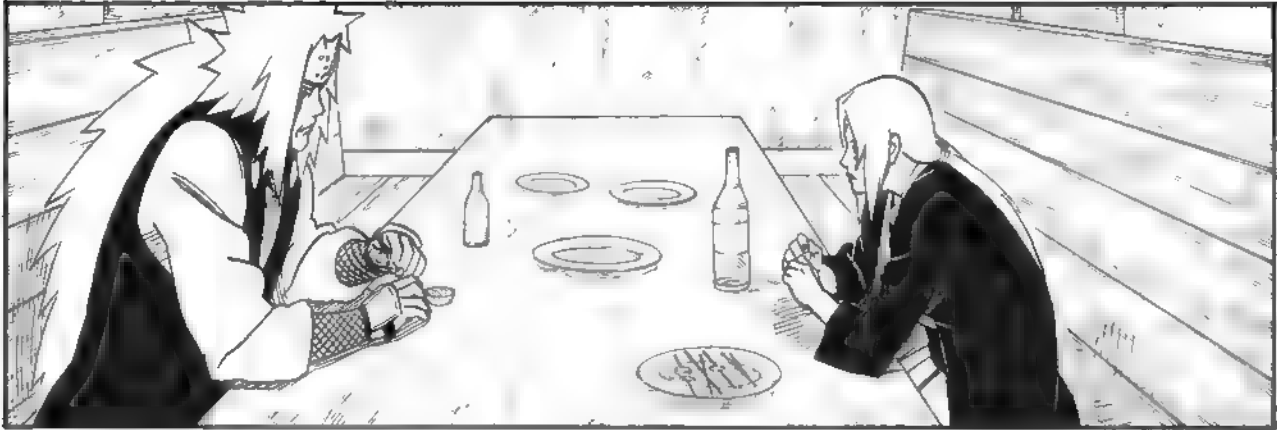
APPARENTLY,
A CIVIL WAR
HAS BEEN
RAGING
THERE FOR
QUITE SOME
TIME AND HAS
DIVIDED THE
VILLAGE IN
TWO.



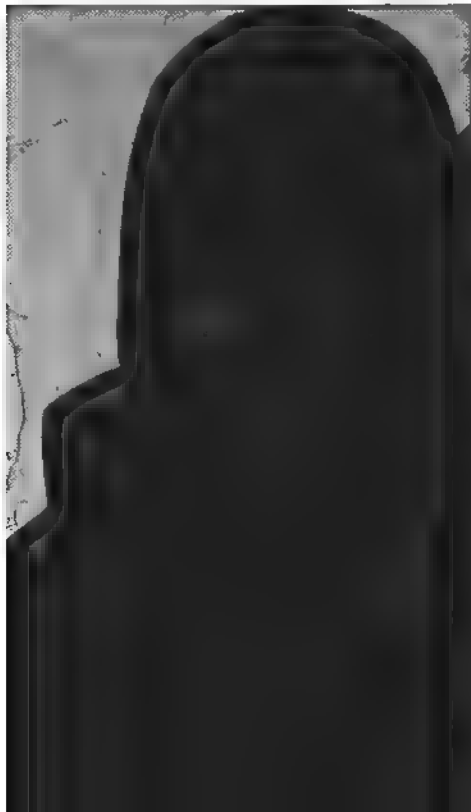
SHAME
...?

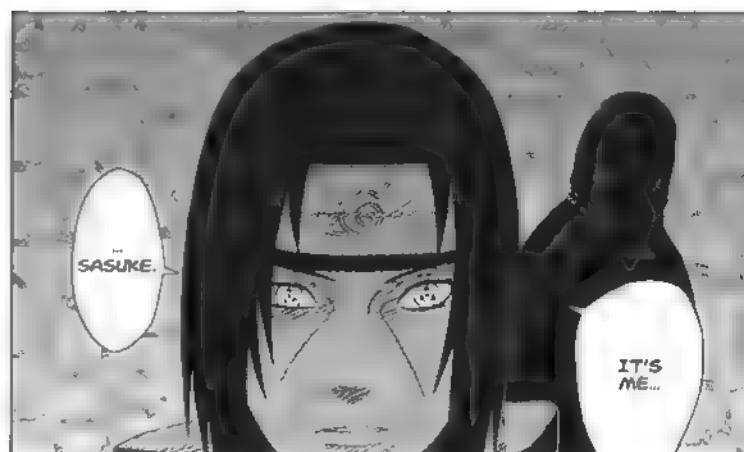












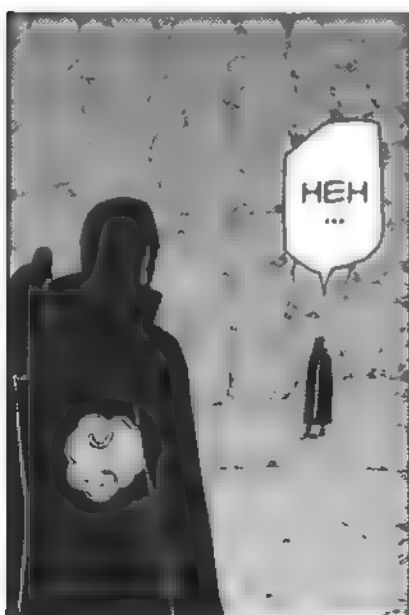
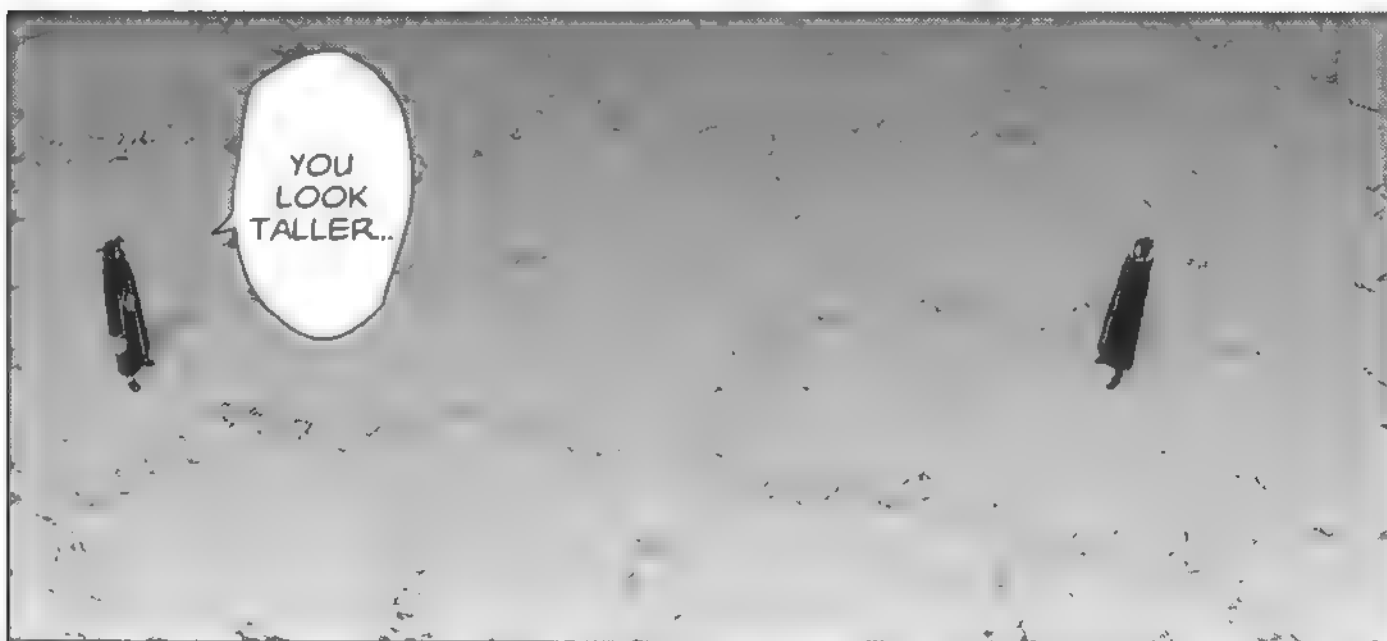
NARUTO

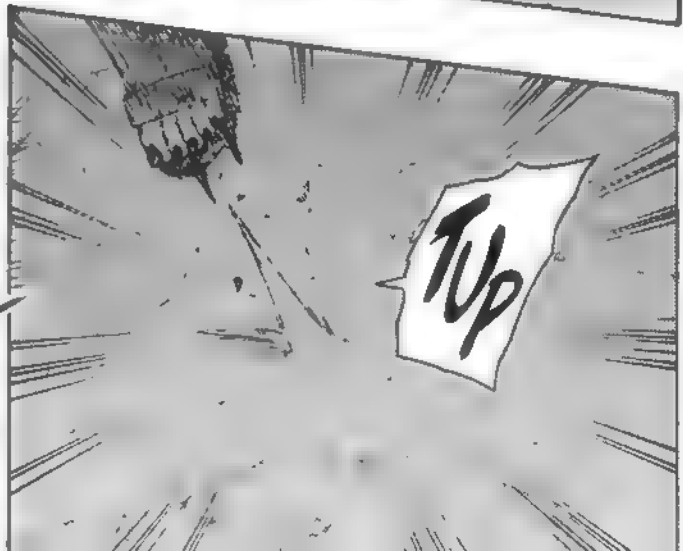
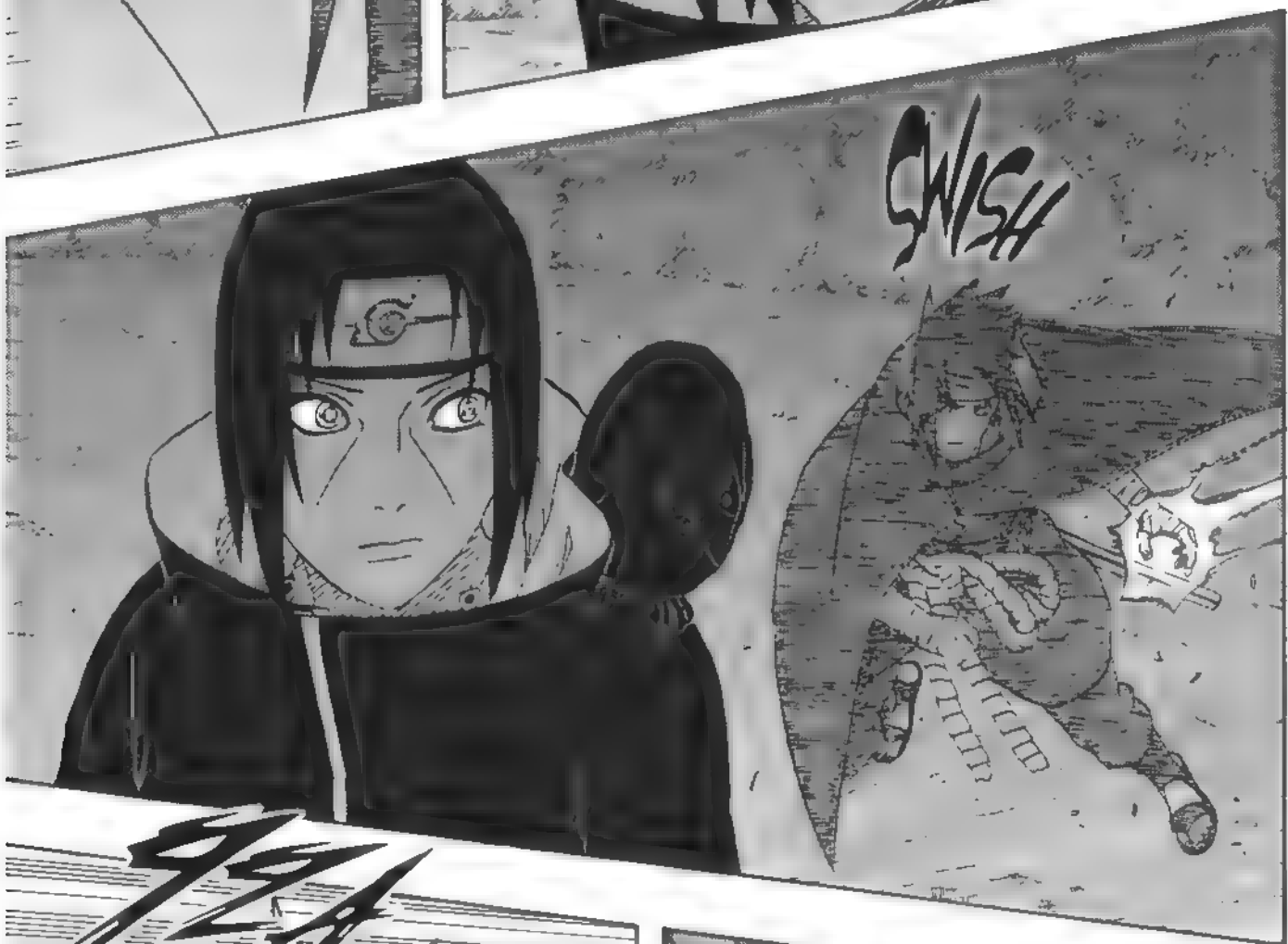


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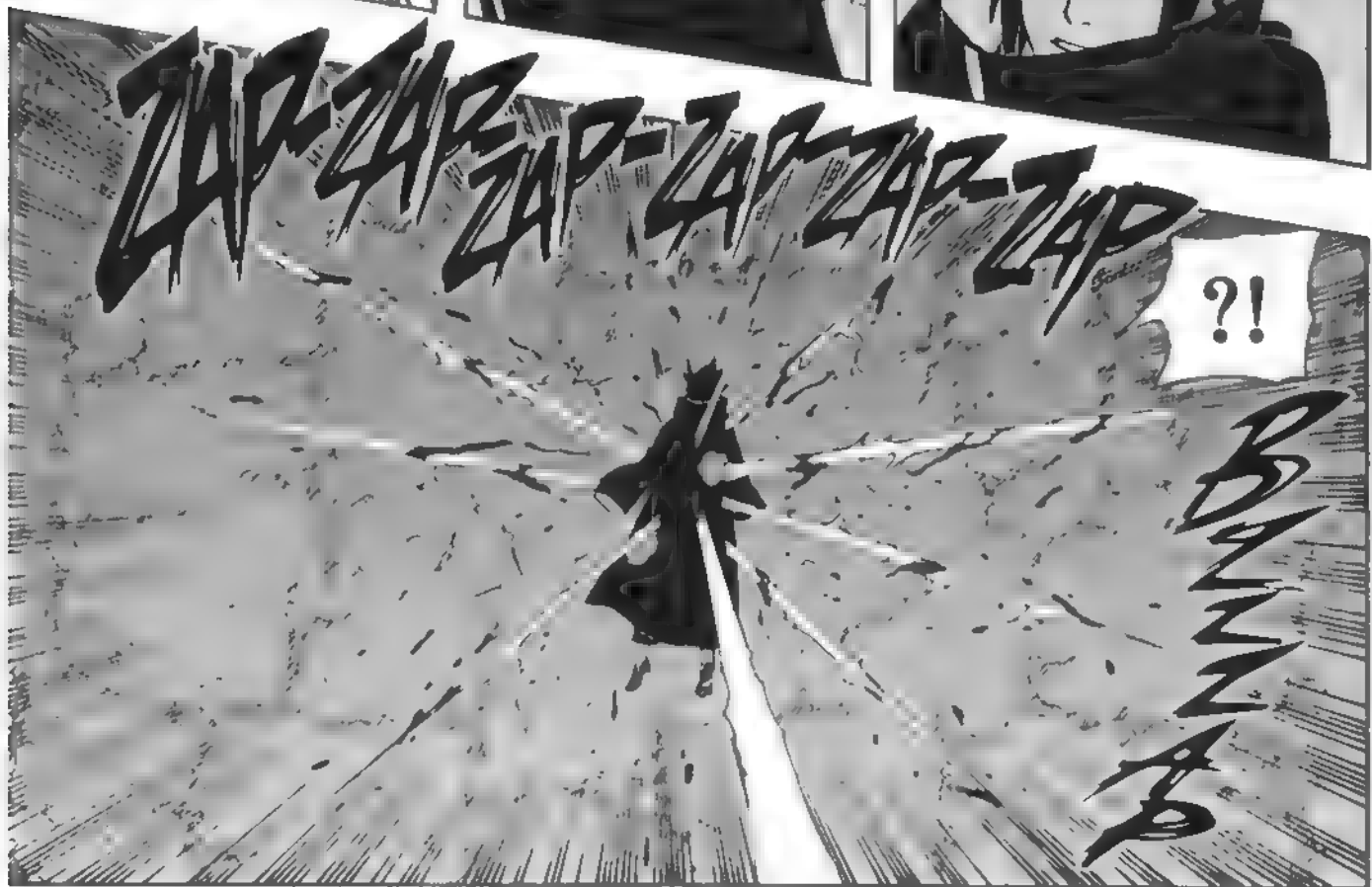
Itachi and Sasuke

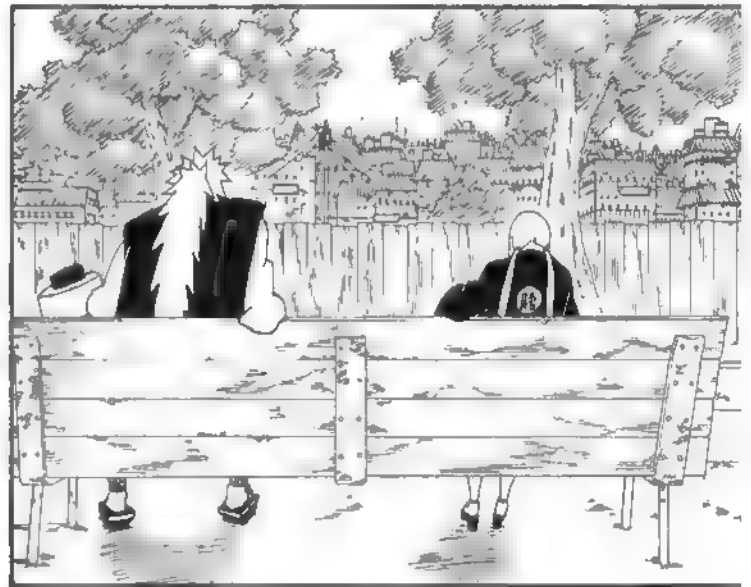
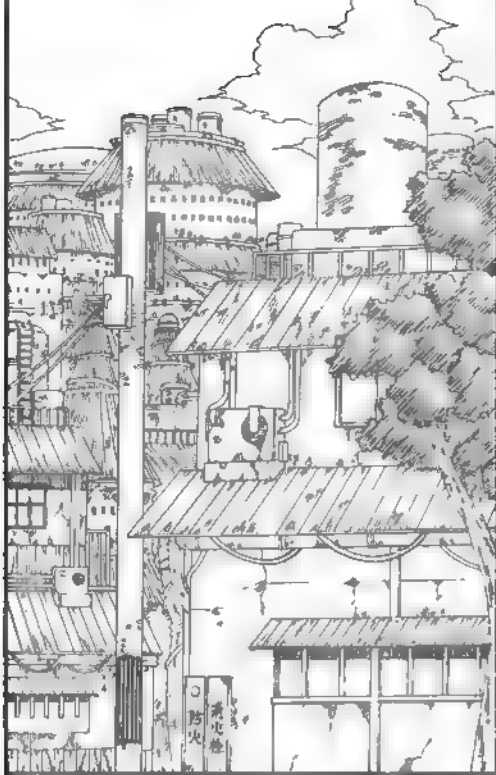


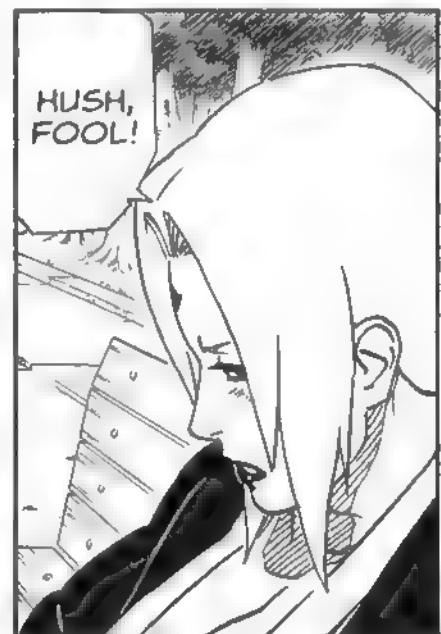
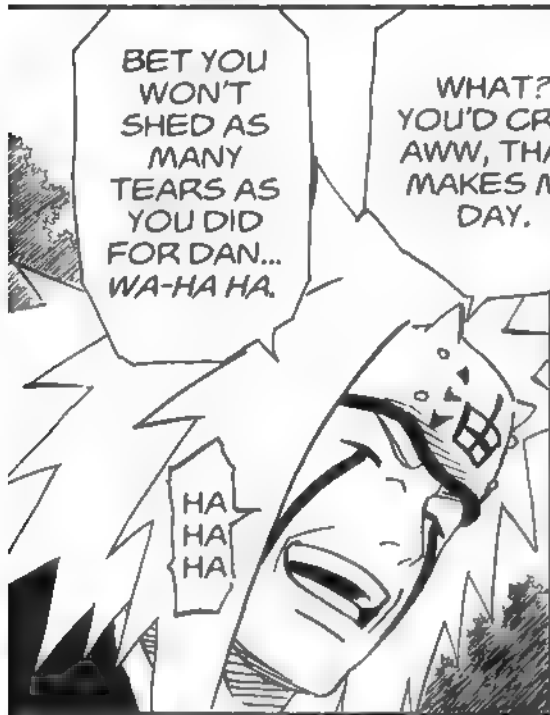


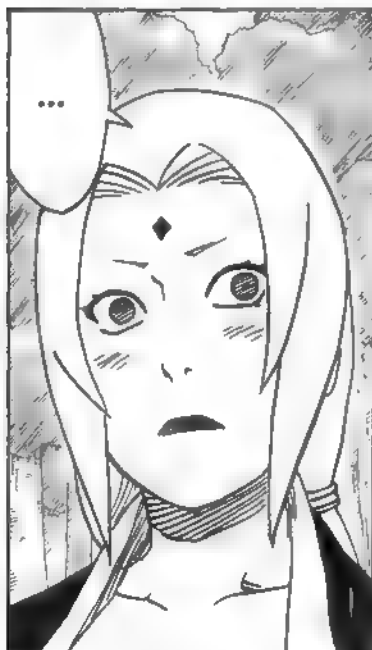
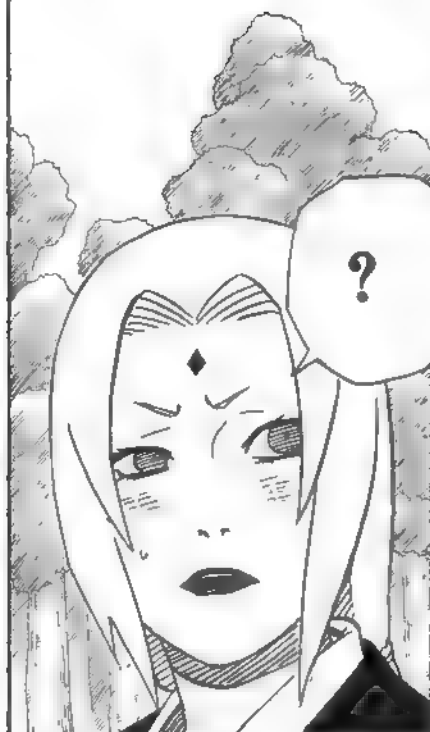


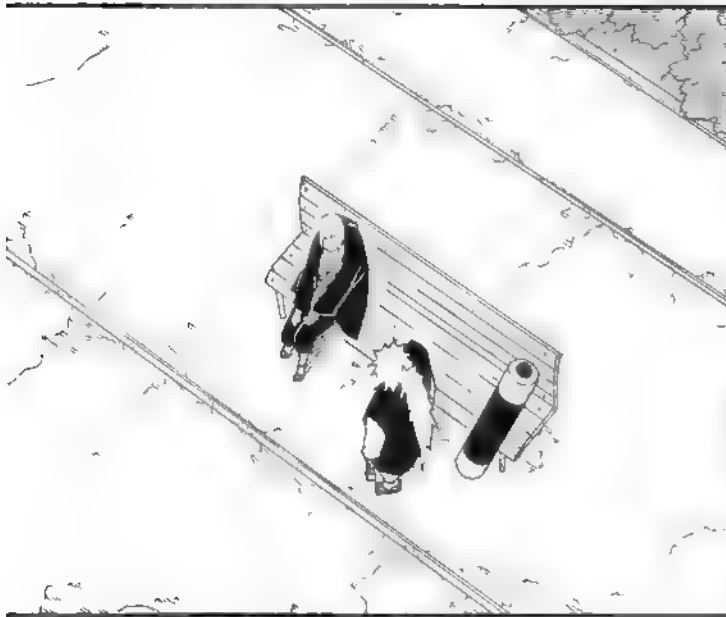


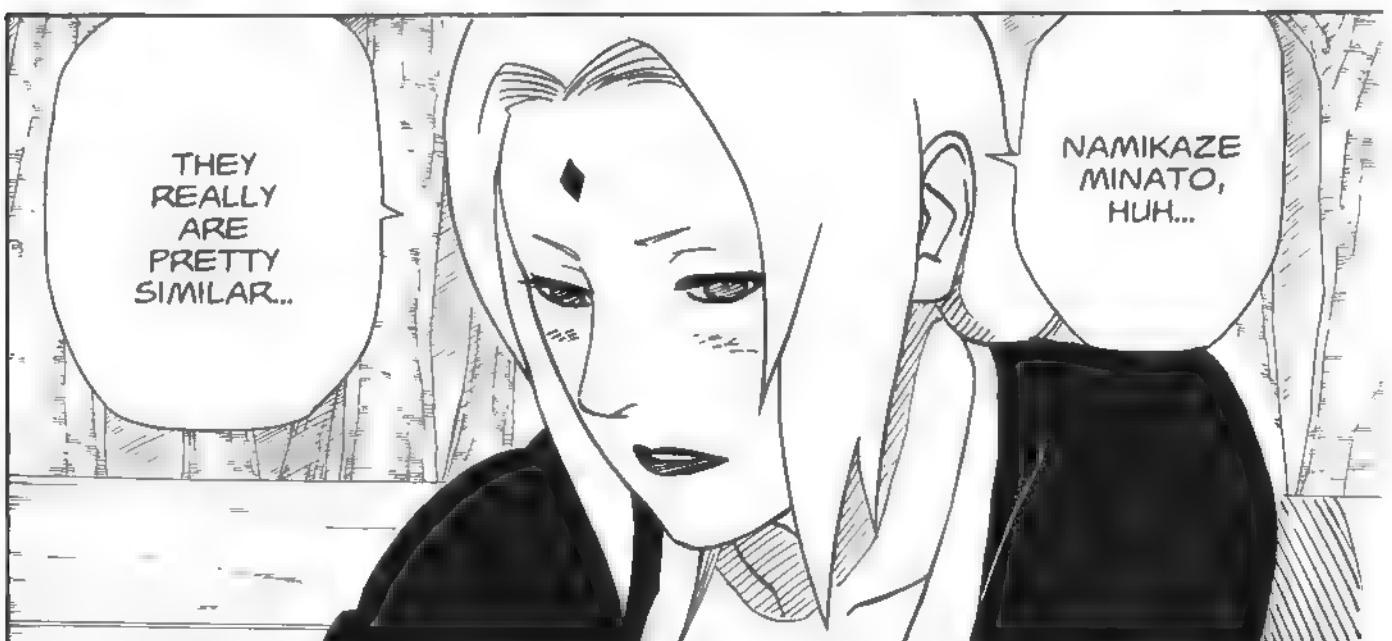


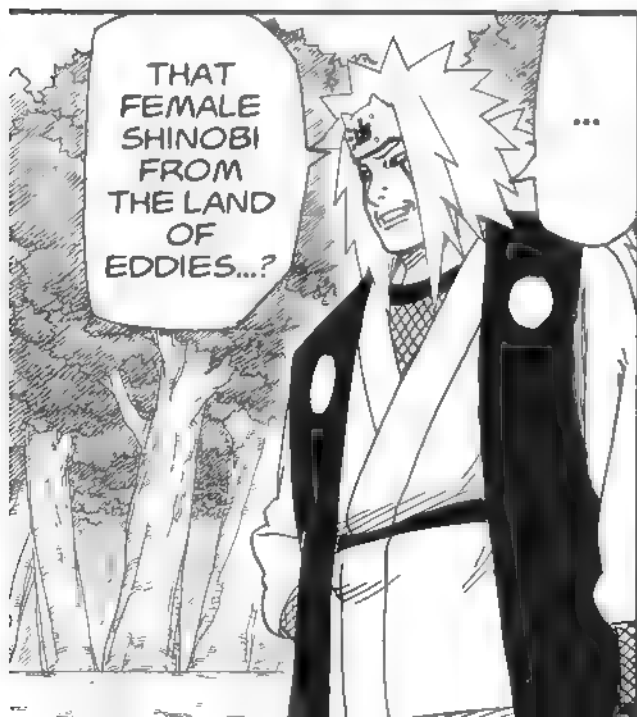
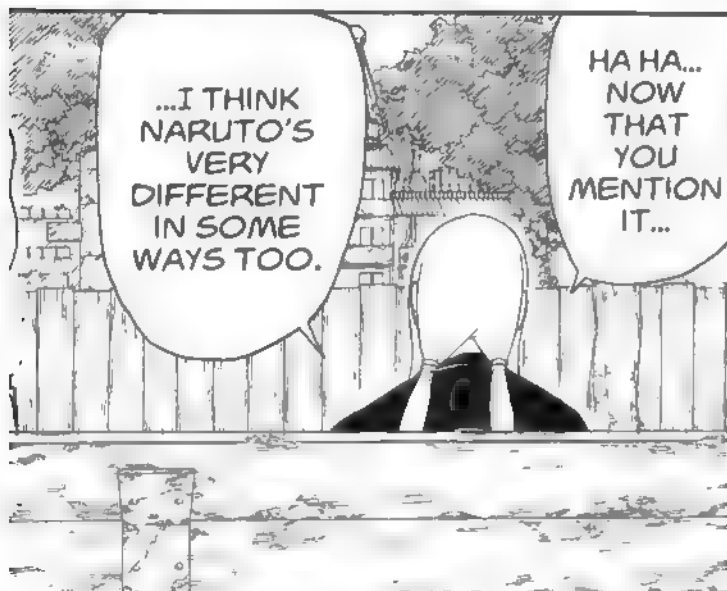
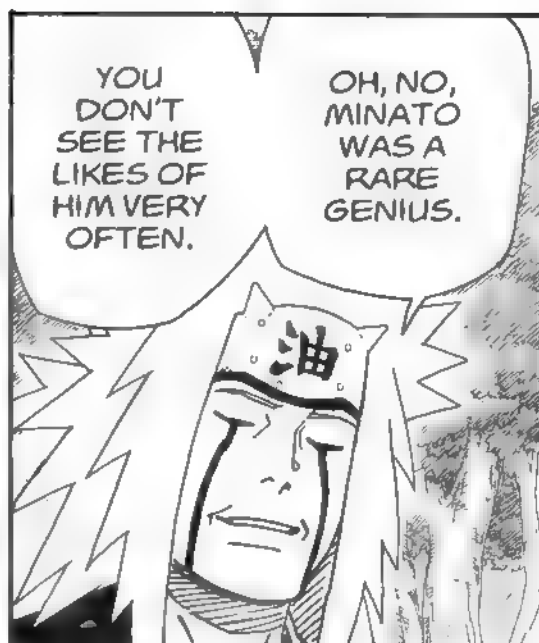














...HE
DEFINITELY
GOT FROM
UZUMAKI
KUSHINA.

YEAH...
HIS PER-
SONALITY
AND
NINJUTSU
STYLE...



KUSHINA
GREW INTO
SUCH A
BEAUTY...

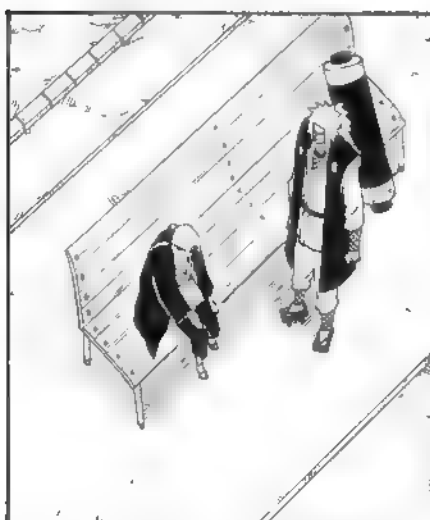
...BUT
NARUTO'S
LOOKS ARE
MORE HIS
FATHER'S.



SHE WAS
A CHATTY,
RED-
HEADED
MINX...

...QUITE
THE
TOMBOY
...!

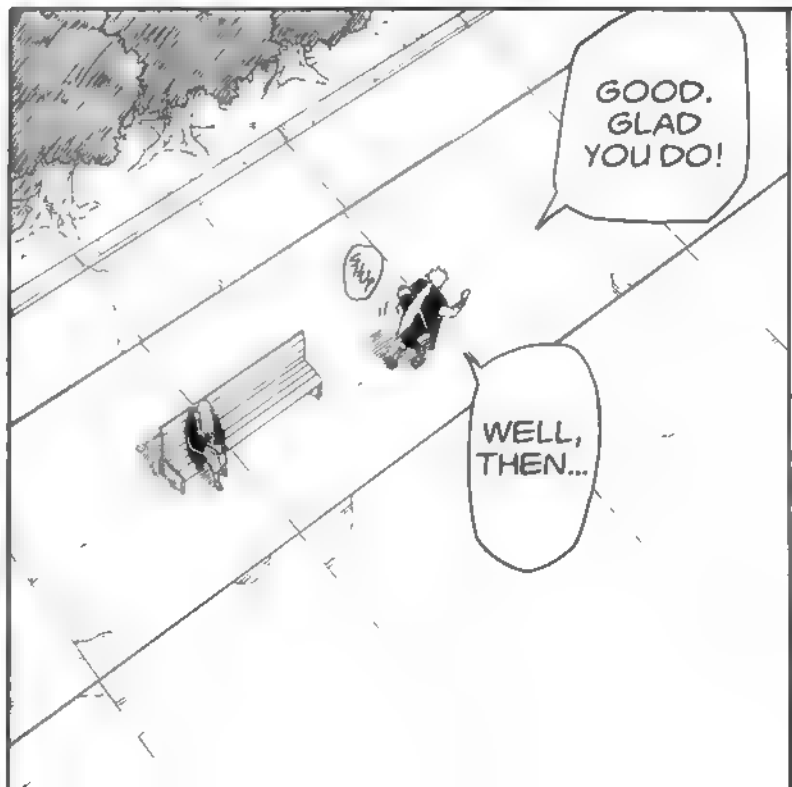
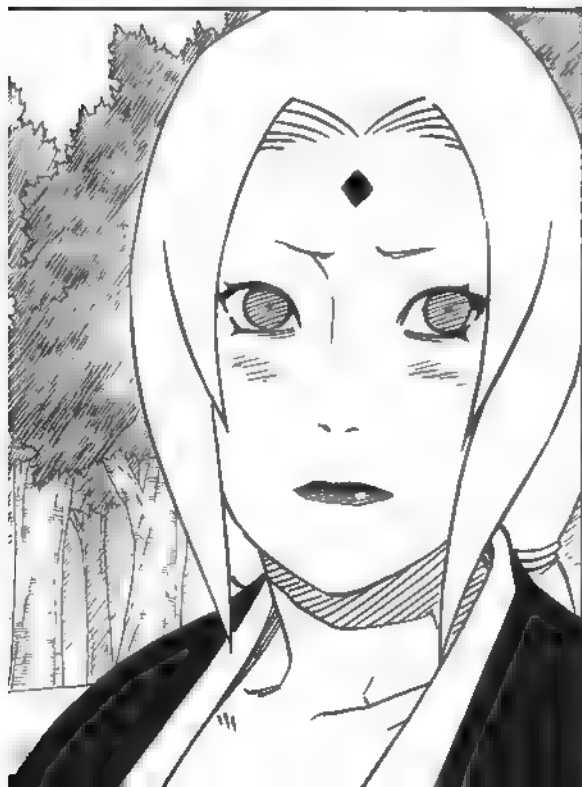
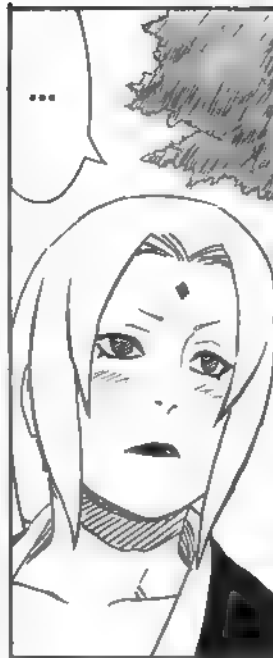
AAH,
RIGHT,
THAT'S
THE
NAME!

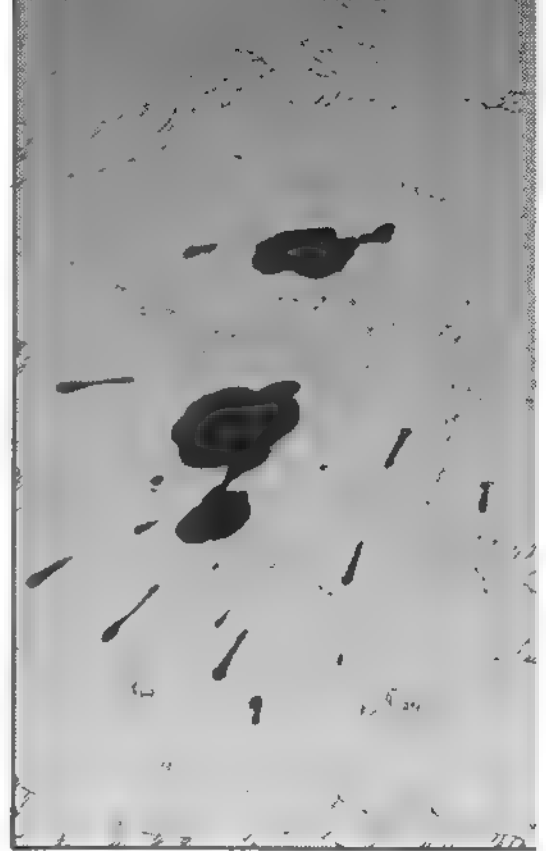


IF YOU
ASK
ME...

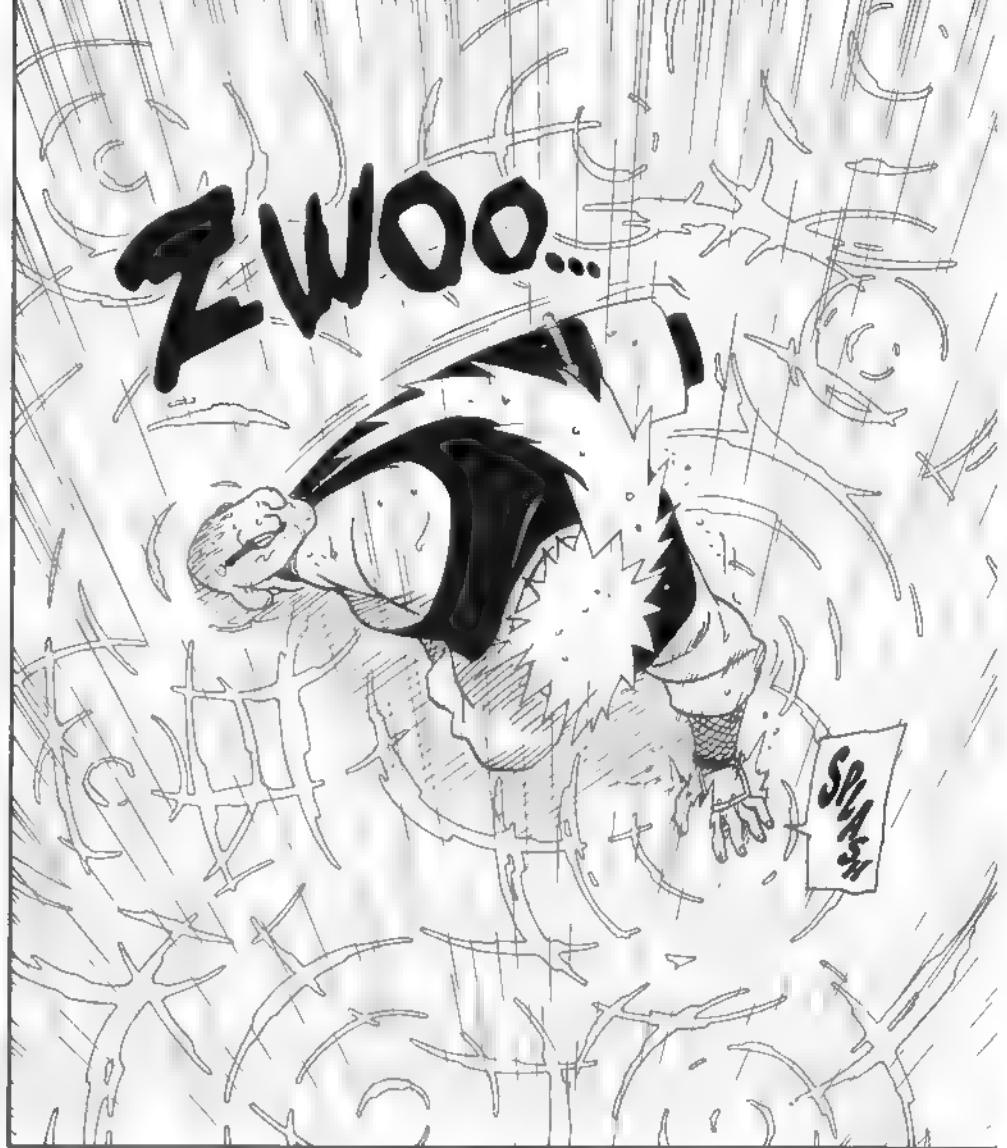
...I FEEL
LIKE I'M
WATCHING
MY
GRAND-
CHILD...

THAT'S
WHY I
KEEP
SEEING
MINATO
WHEN I
LOOK AT
HIM.





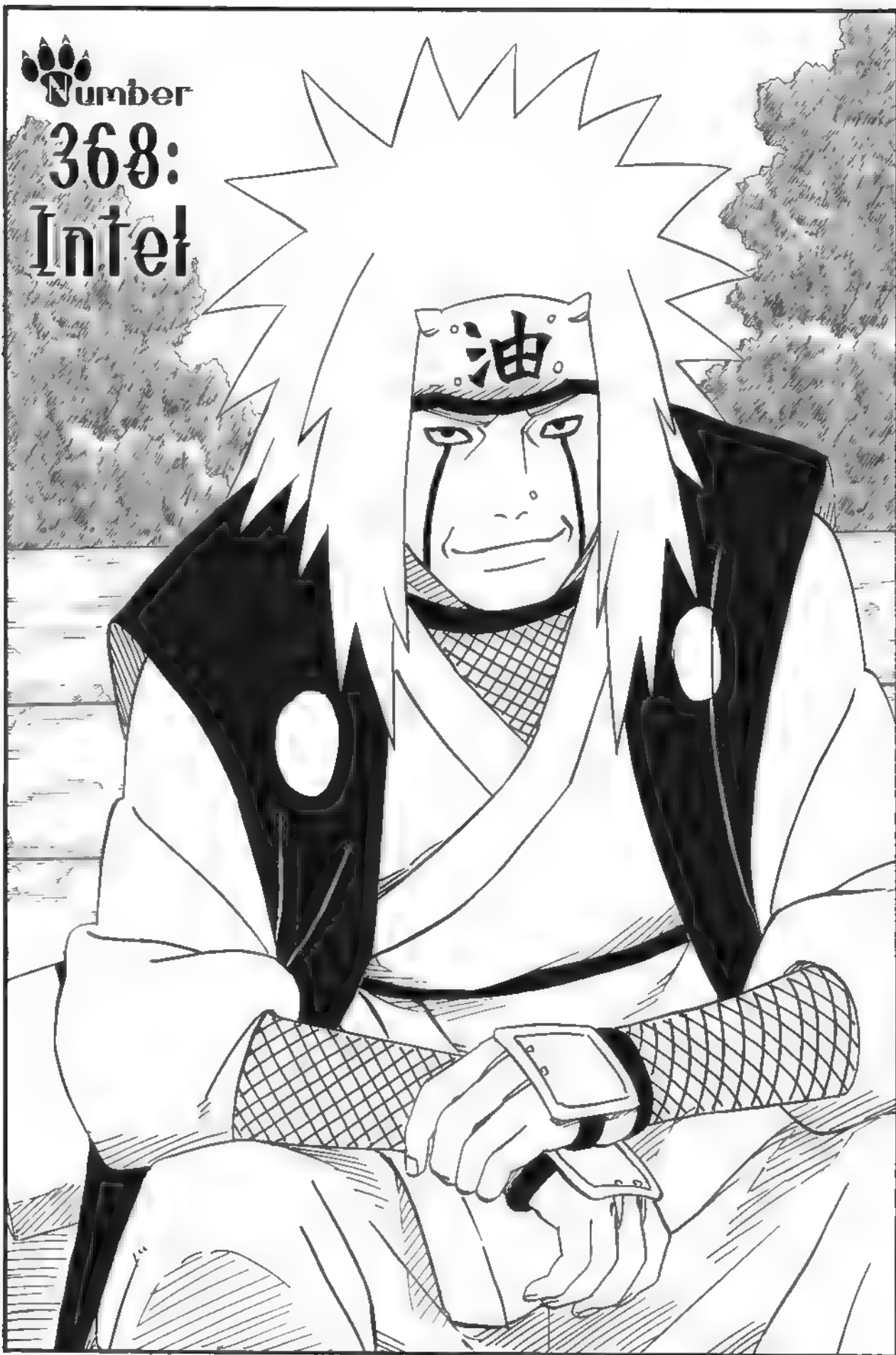






NARUTO

 Number
368:
Intel

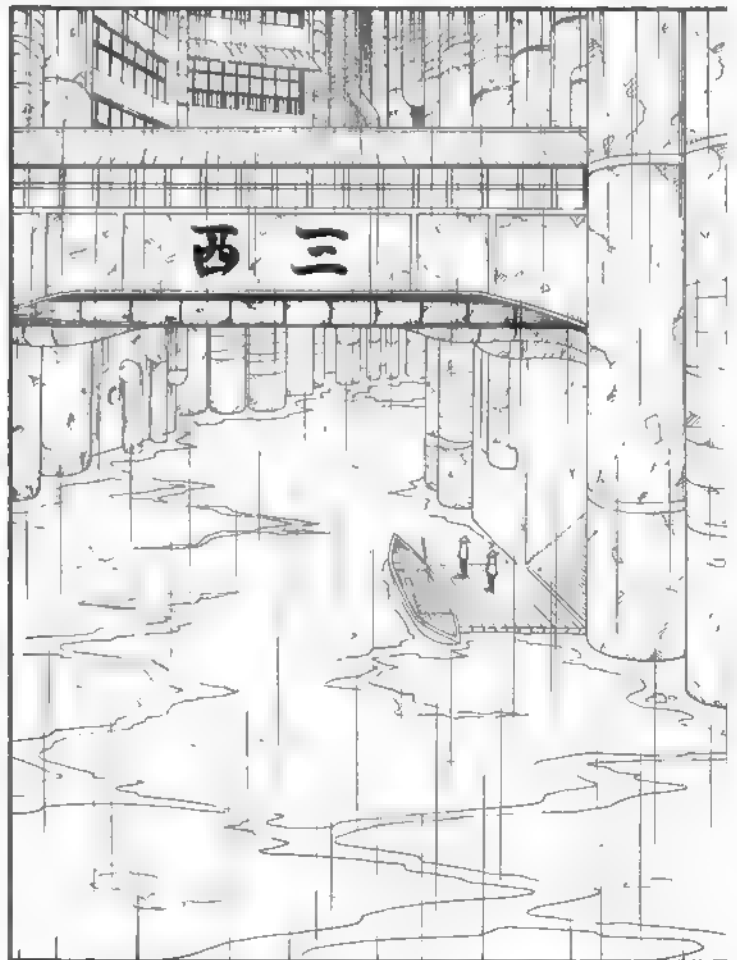
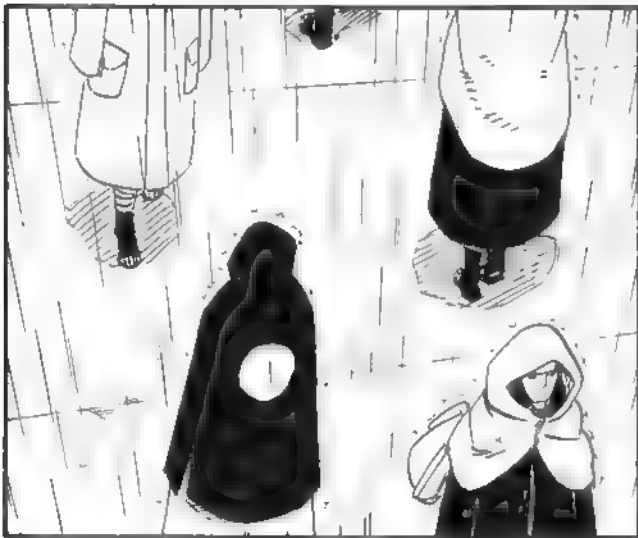




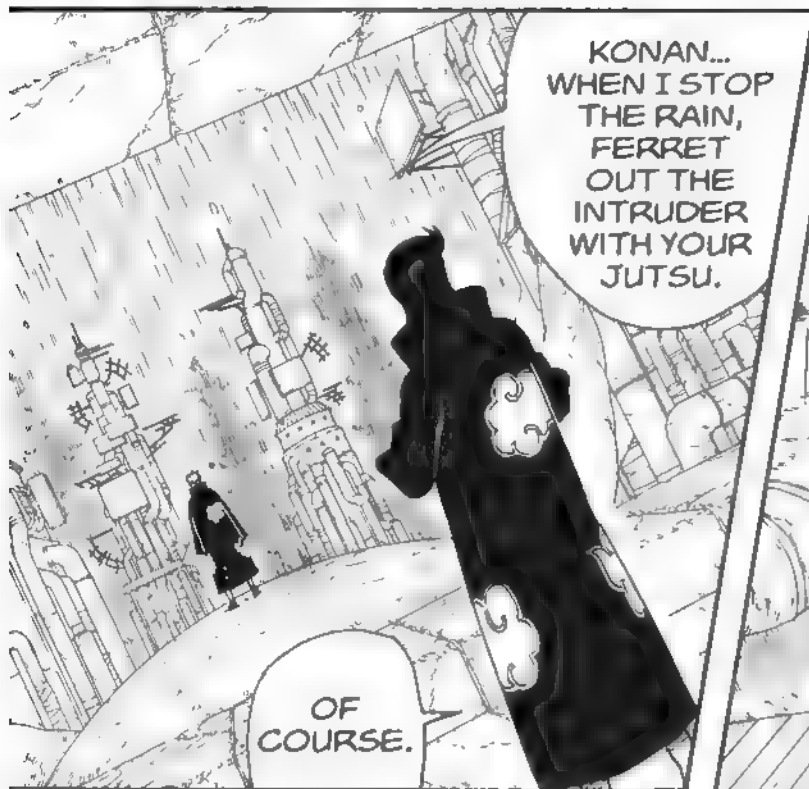


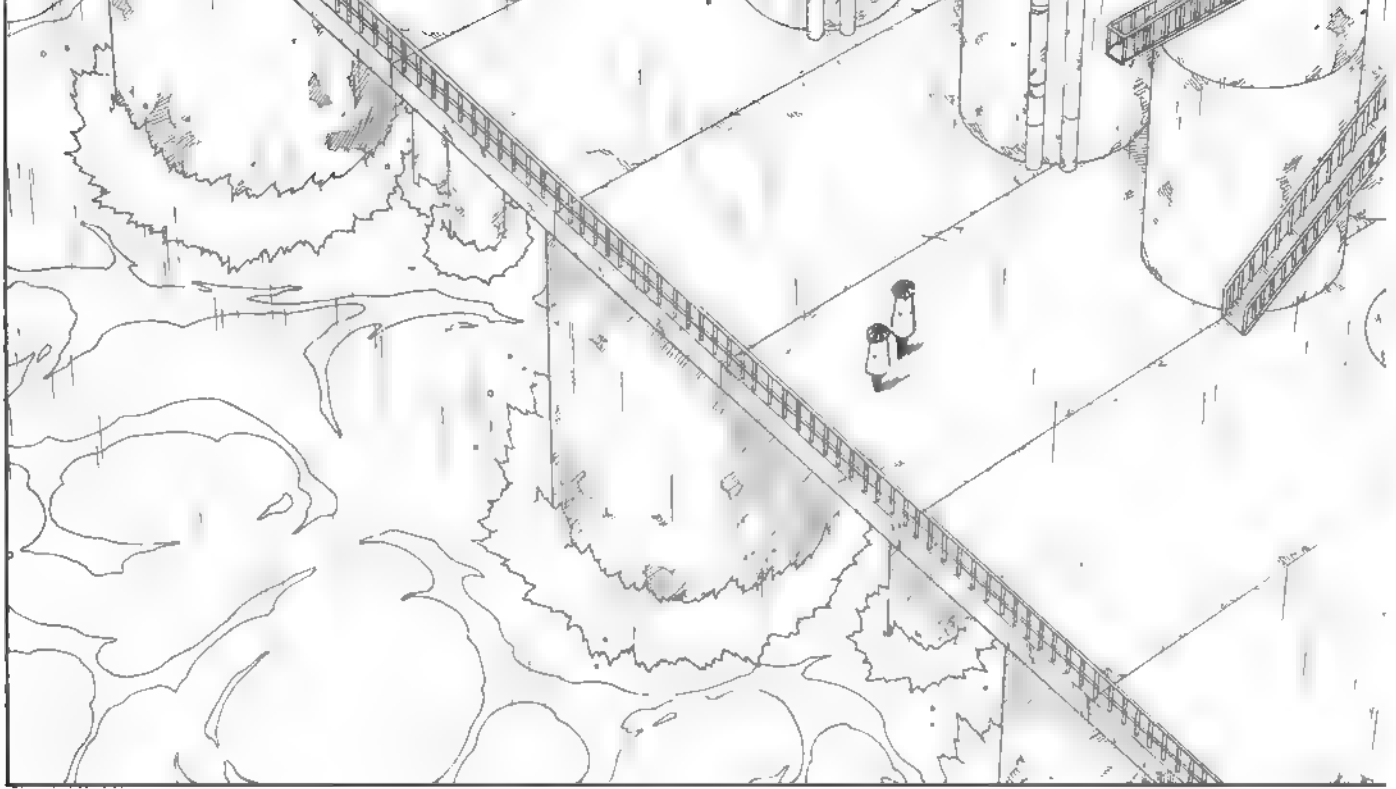
KARIN SAID
SHE
SENSED
ANOTHER
CHAKRA
HERE.





(WEST THREE)





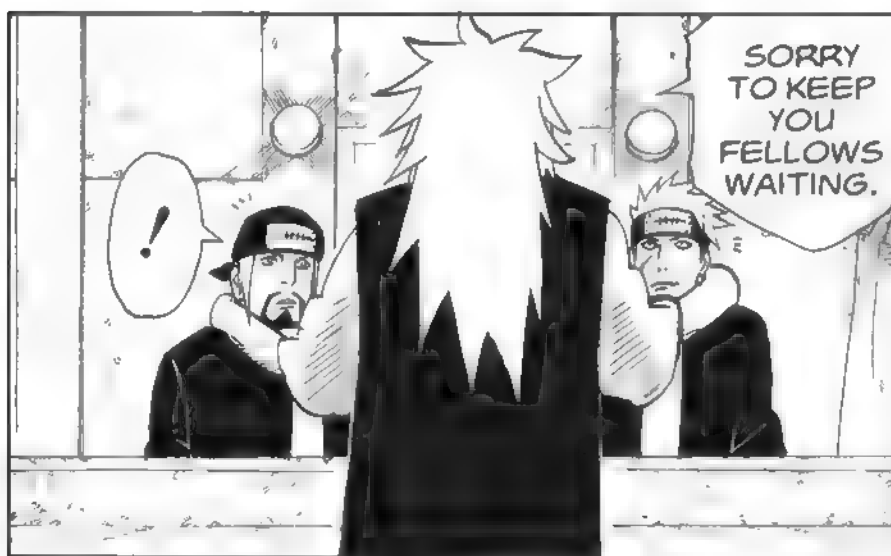
(GRAND OPENING, CLUB TOAD)

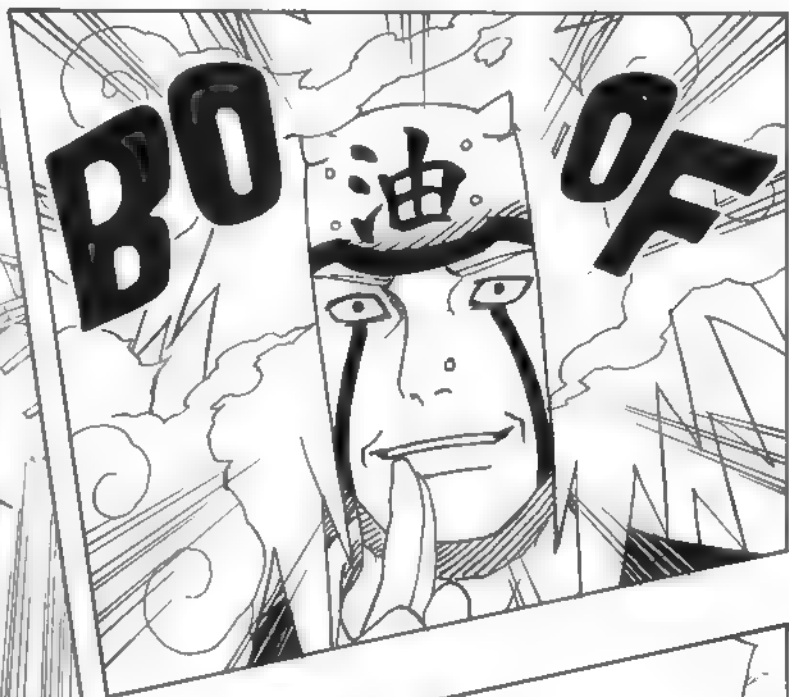


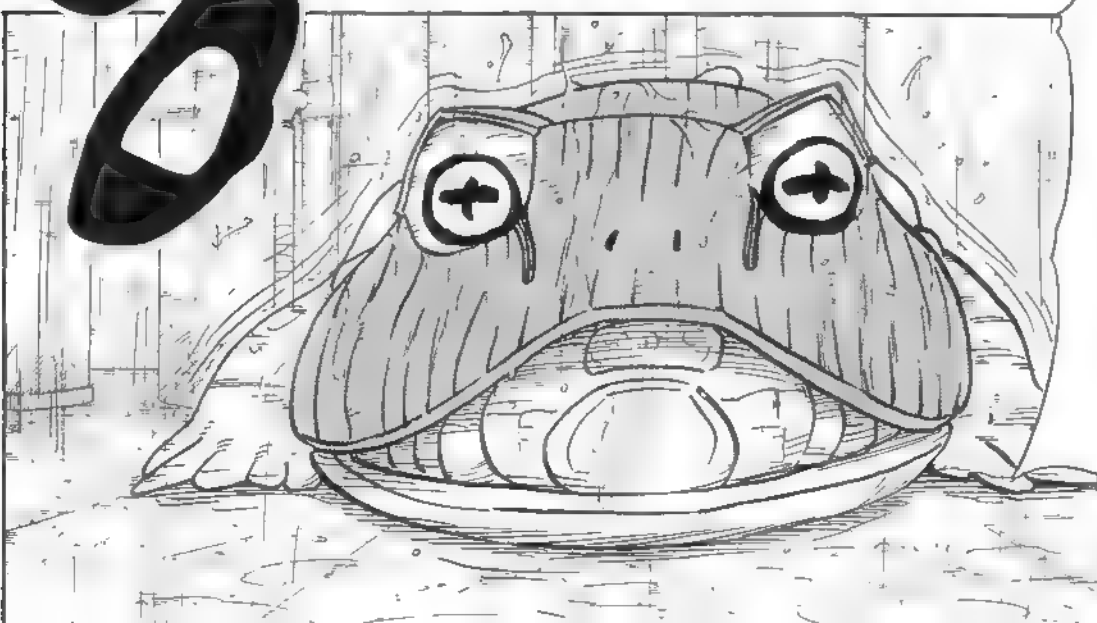
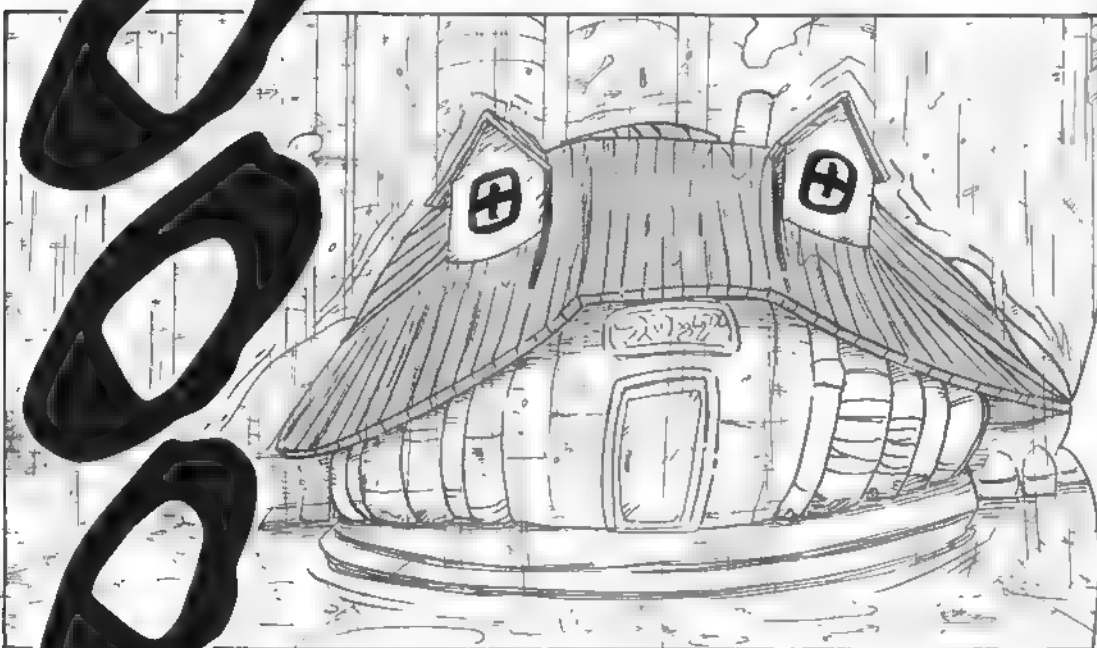


(FROG)

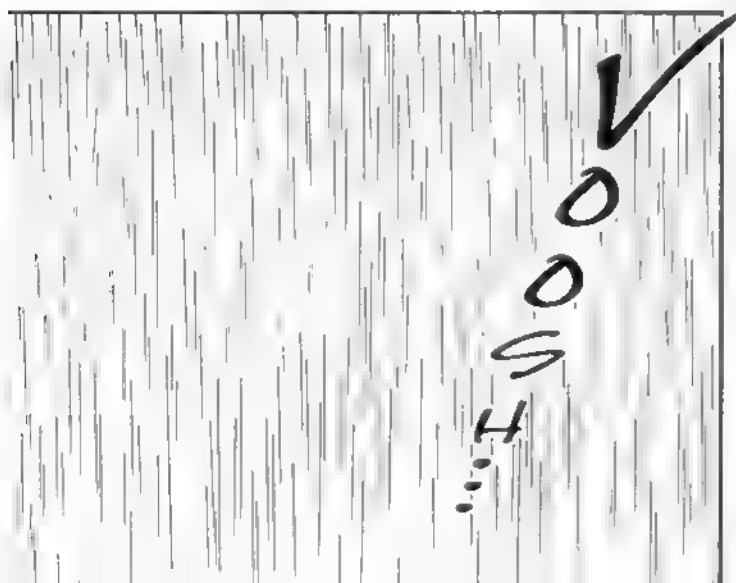
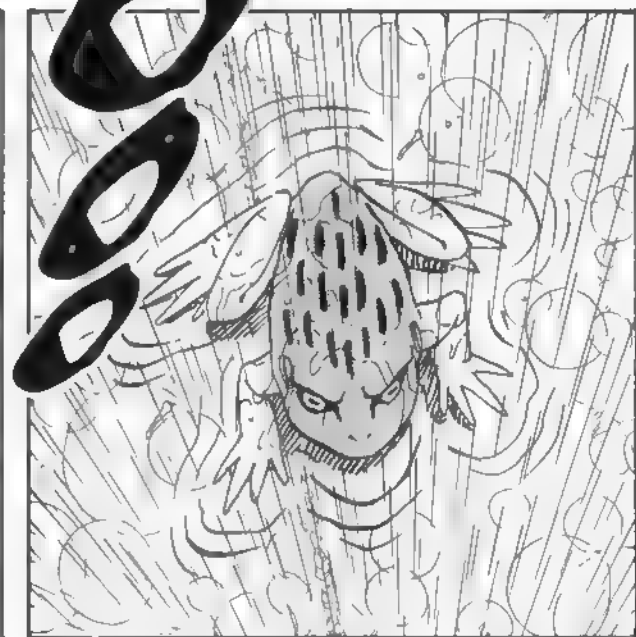
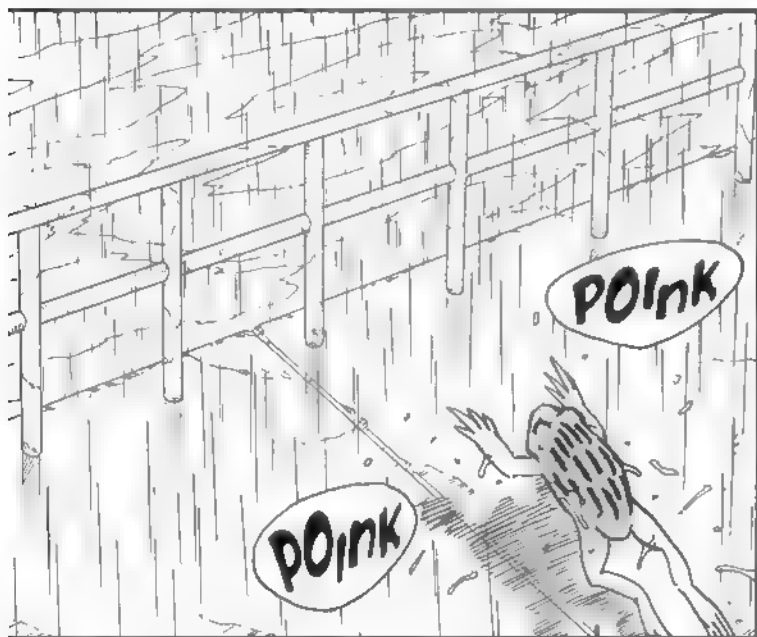


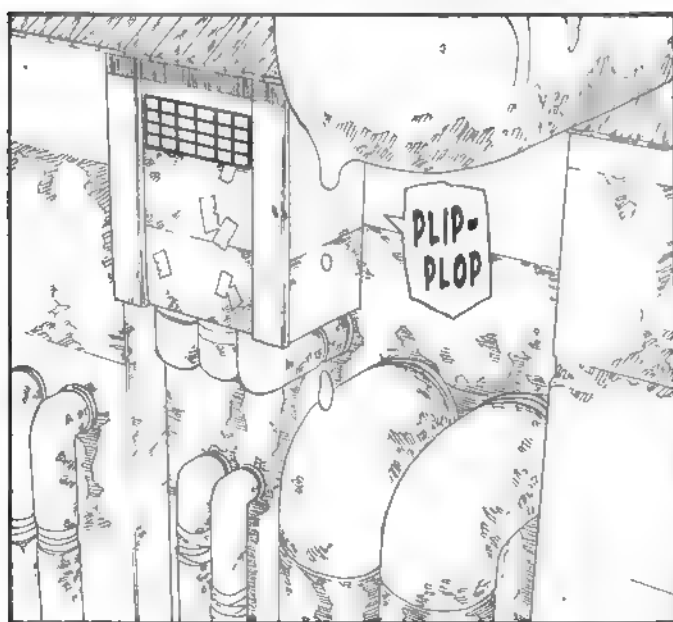




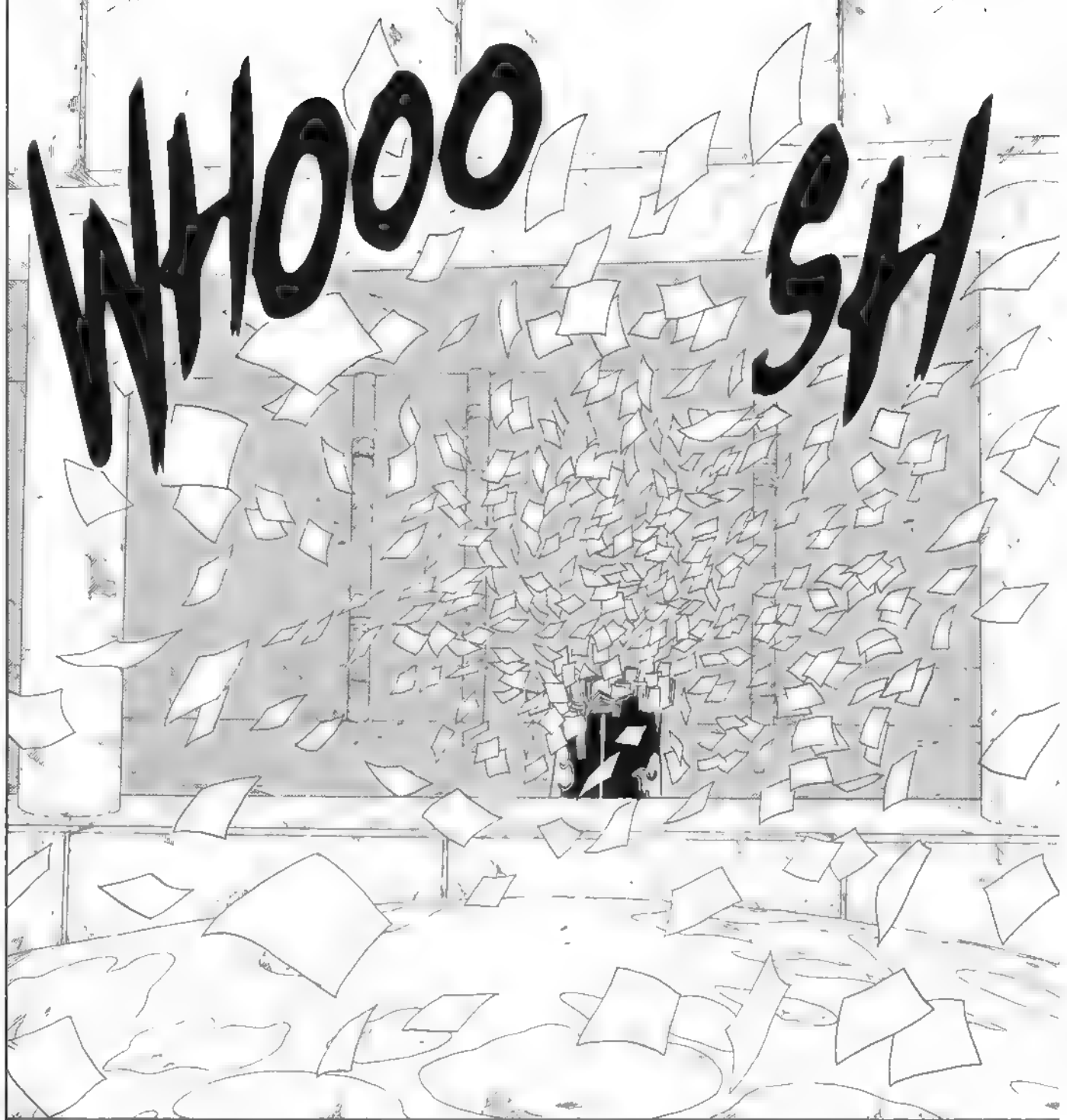


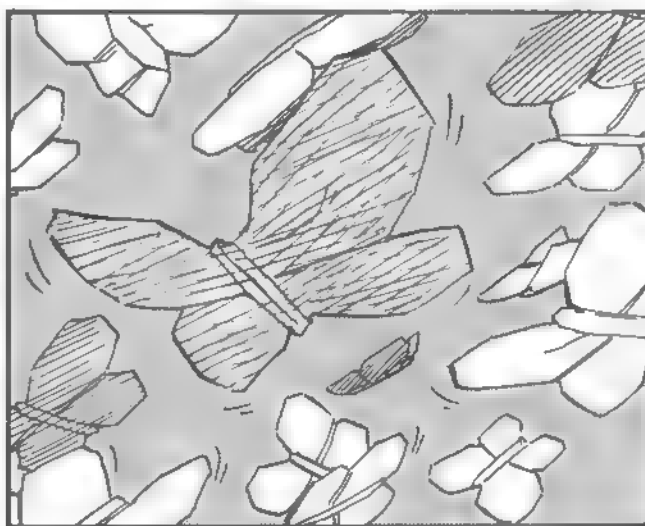
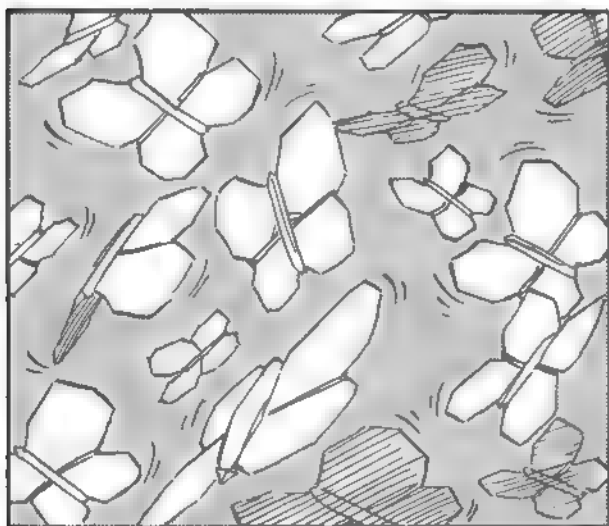
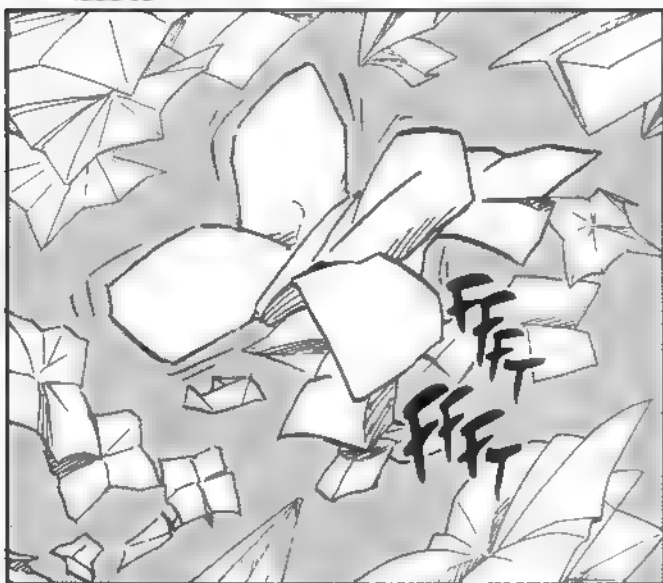
...FIGHT...

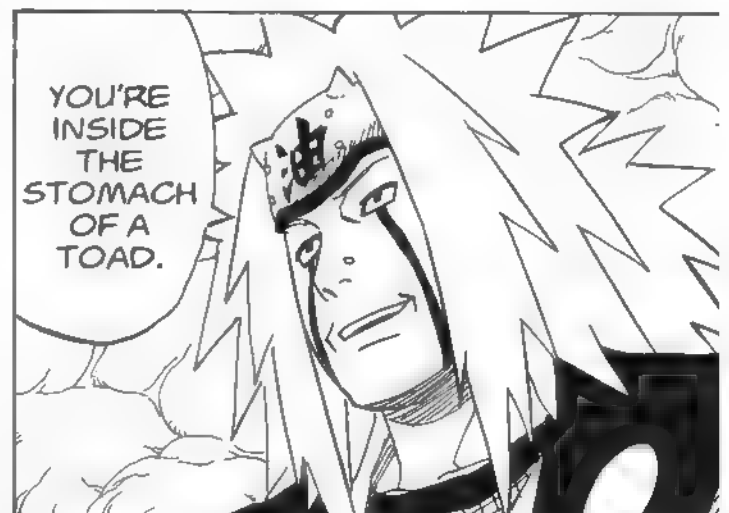
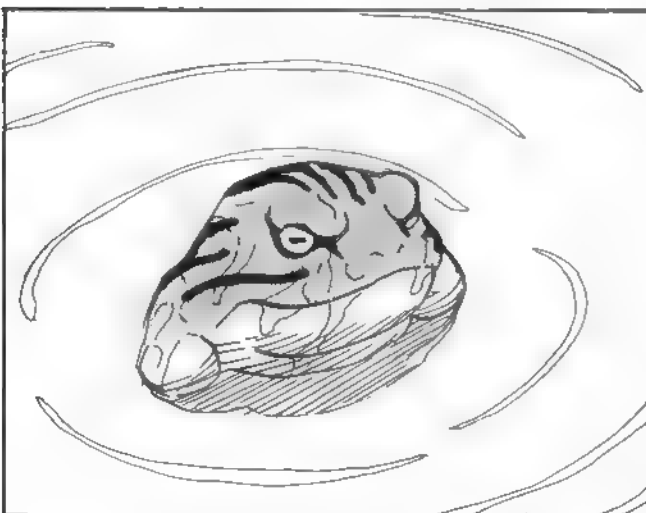
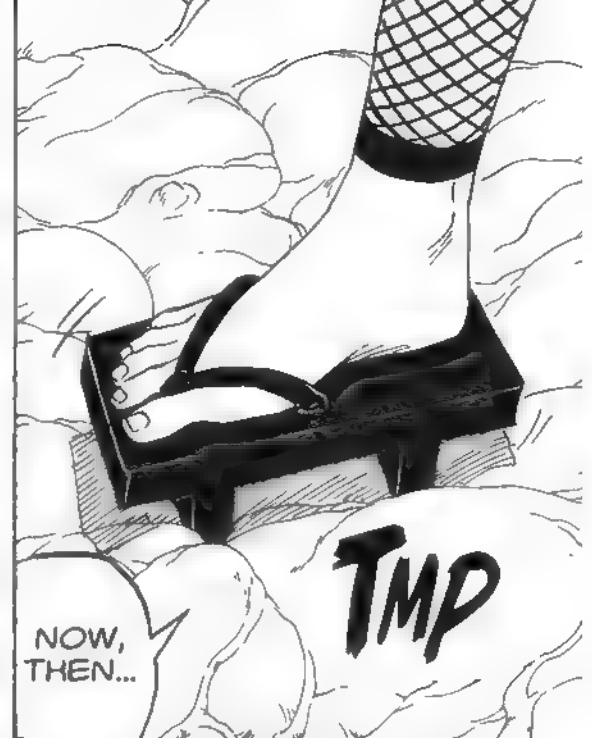


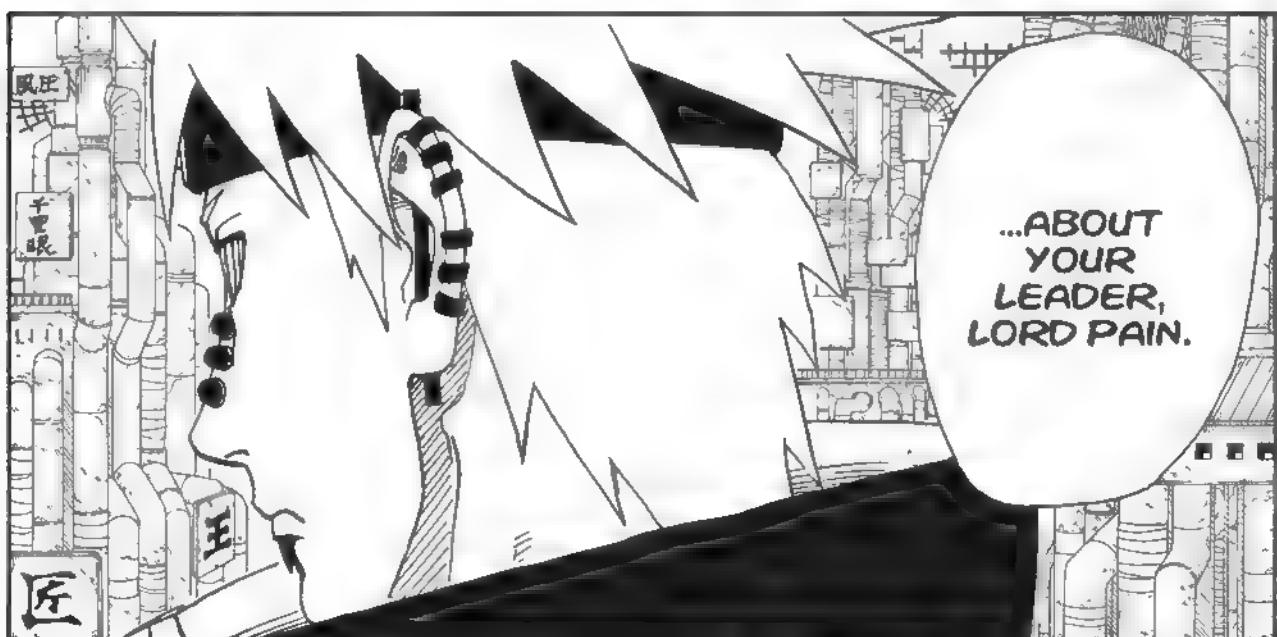
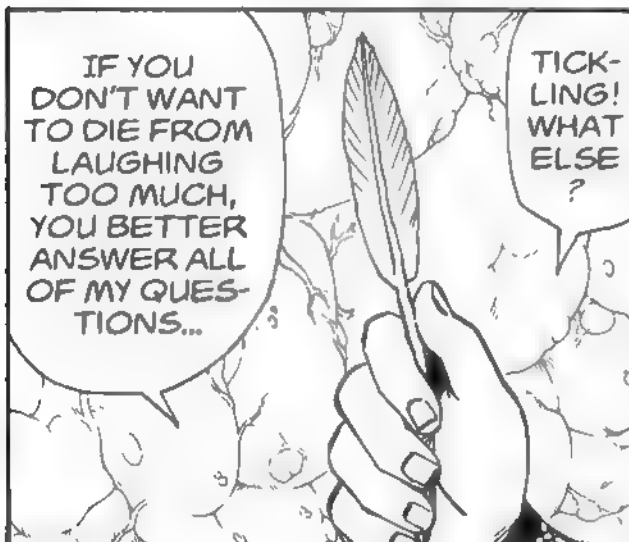












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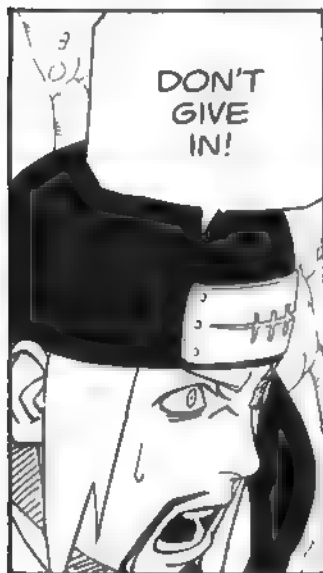


Number 369: Regarding Pain





GYA-
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!



DON'T
GIVE
IN!



UGH...
PFF...
U-NNN
H...



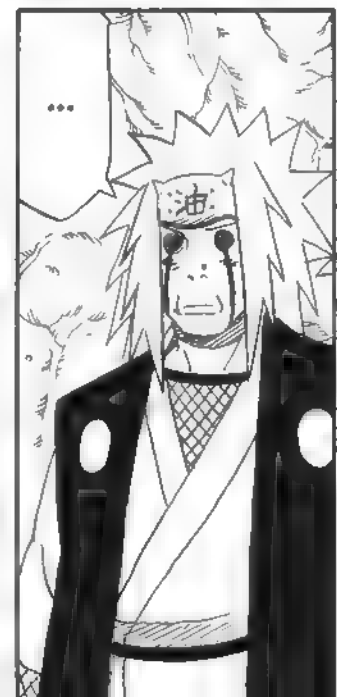
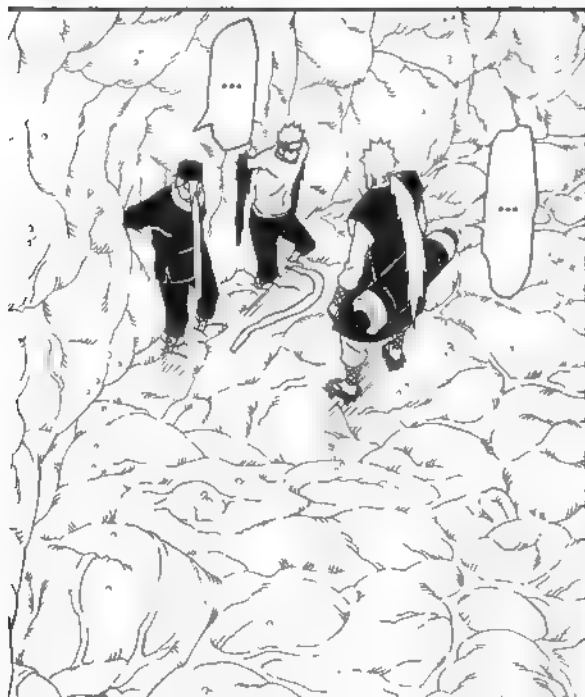
TELL ME
EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW
ABOUT
PAIN.

NOW
SPILL
IT!



...BETRAY...
NO
MATTER...
WHAT...
PFF...

I
WOULD
NEVER...
UGGH...





**GYA-
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!**



**NOW
SPILL IT!**



**HA HA
HA HA
HA...**

**WHAT
IS
WRONG
WITH
YOU?!!**



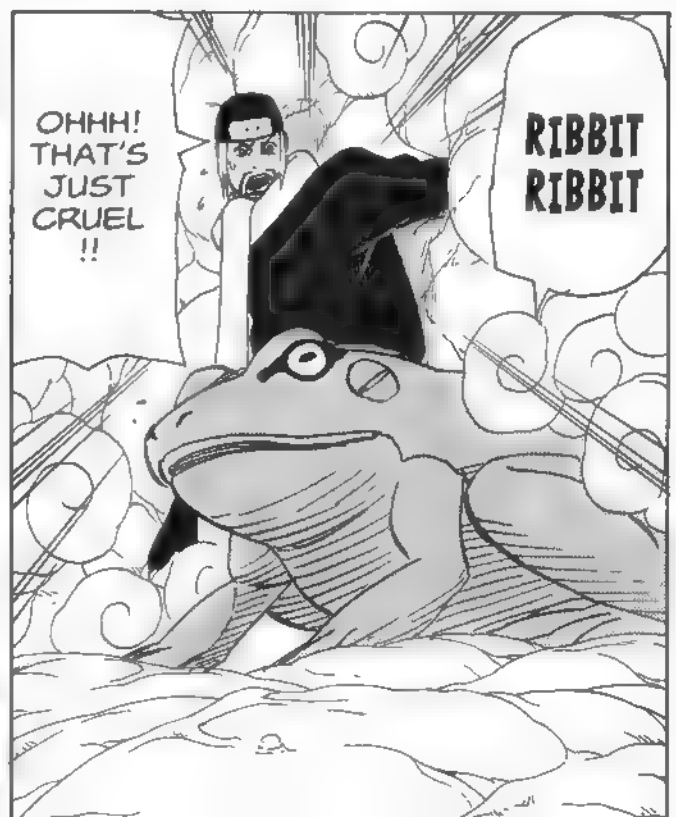
**IT'S
USELESS!**

**SO GO
AHEAD!
DO YOUR
WORST!**



**WE WILL
NEVER
BETRAY
OUR
COMRADES!**

**WE
MIGHT BE
UNDER-
LINGS,
BUT WE'RE
STILL RAIN
NINJA!**





...IT IS SAID THAT LORD PAIN... RESIDES IN THE TALLEST TOWER TO THE WEST...



EH? WHAT WAS THAT?

SOME-THING ABOUT NEVER BETRAYING YOUR COM-RADES... EH...



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

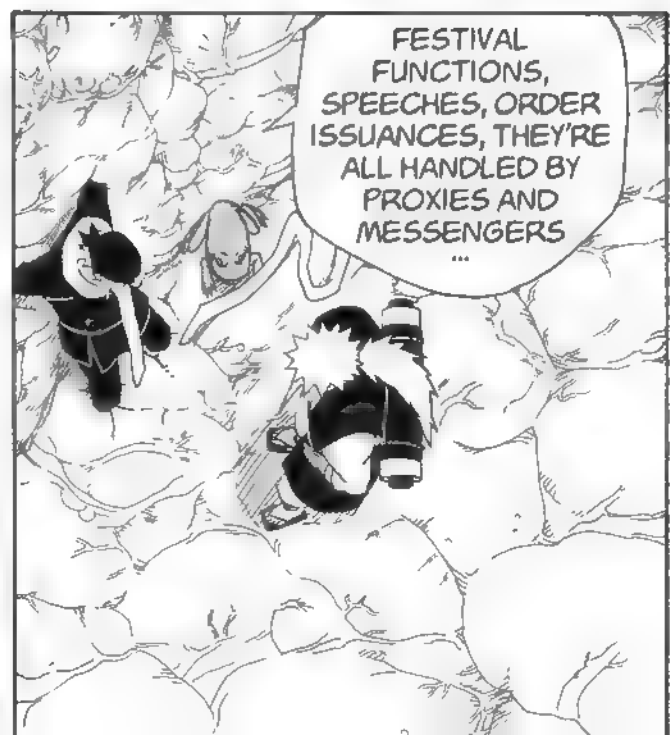


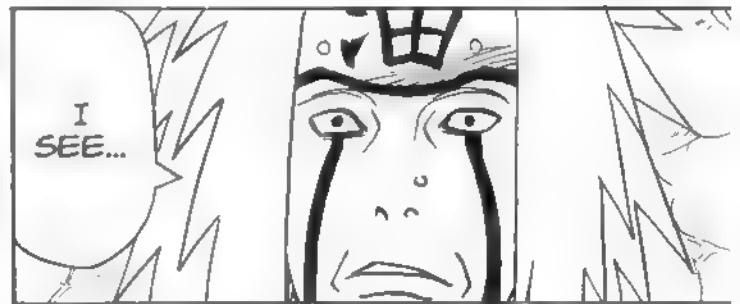
ACTUALLY... NO ONE REALLY KNOWS THAT MUCH ABOUT LORD PAIN.

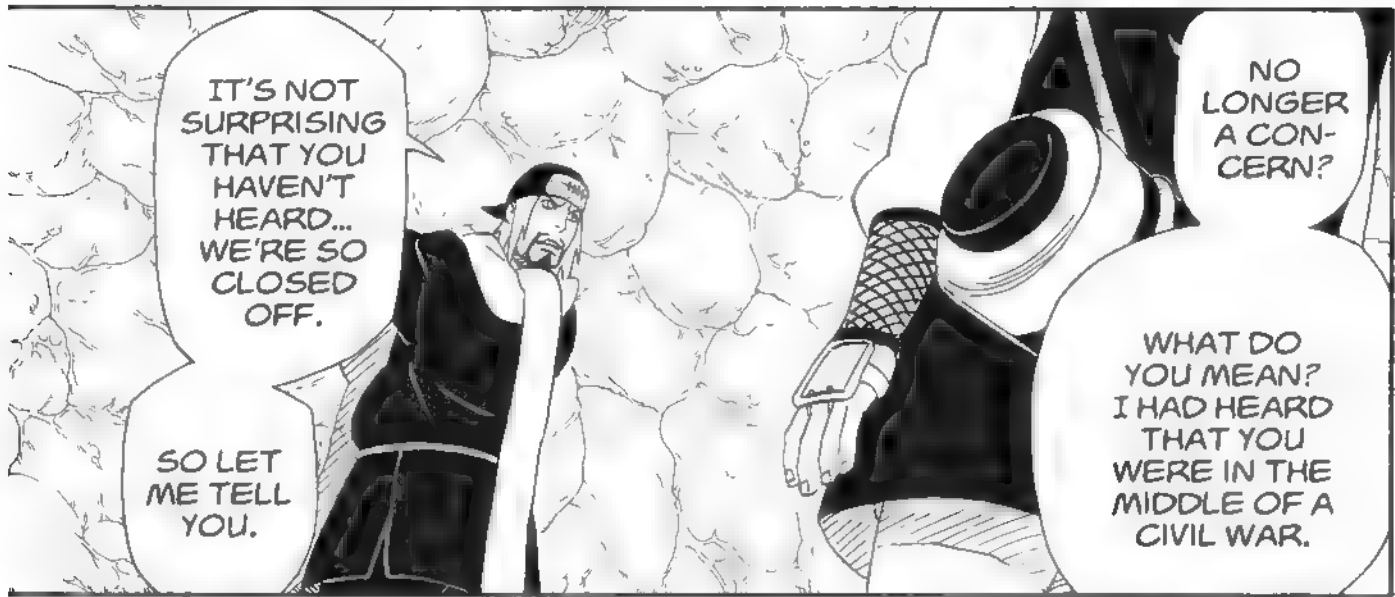


SO WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IT IS SAID?

WELL, NEVER MIND.









...THERE TRULY
WERE NO
SHINOBI THAT
DIDN'T KNOW
THE NAME OF
THE PREVIOUS
AMEGAKURE
LEADER, HANZO
OF THE GIANT
SALAMANDER...!

NO
MATTER
HOW
POWERFUL
THIS PAIN
MIGHT BE...



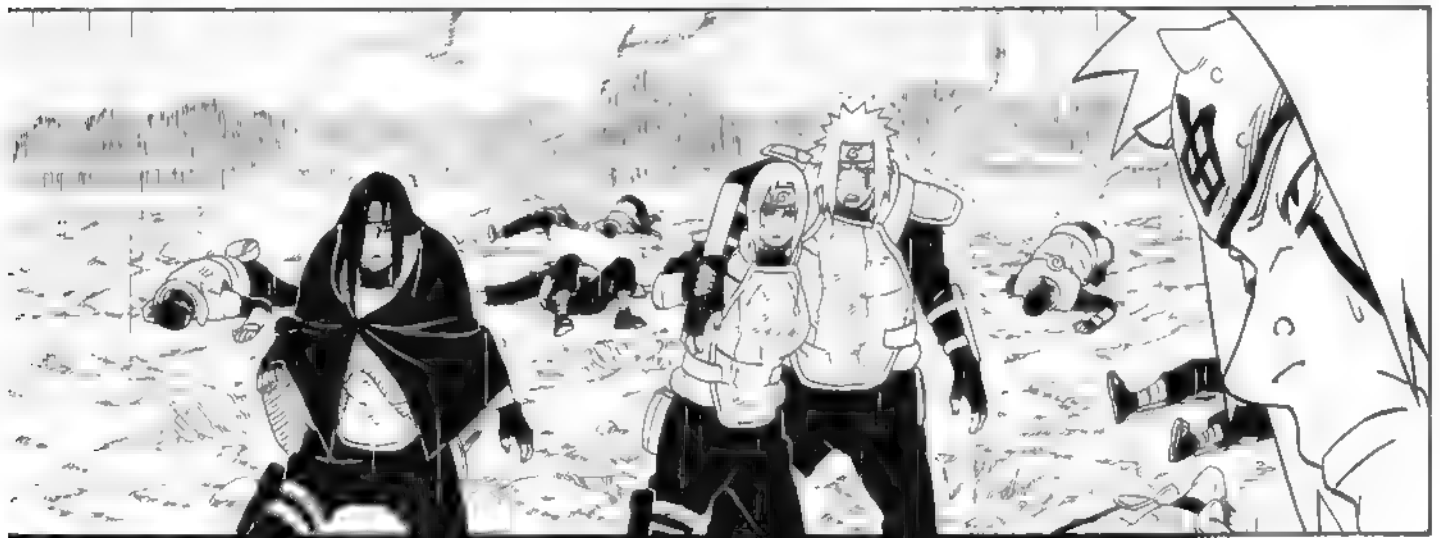
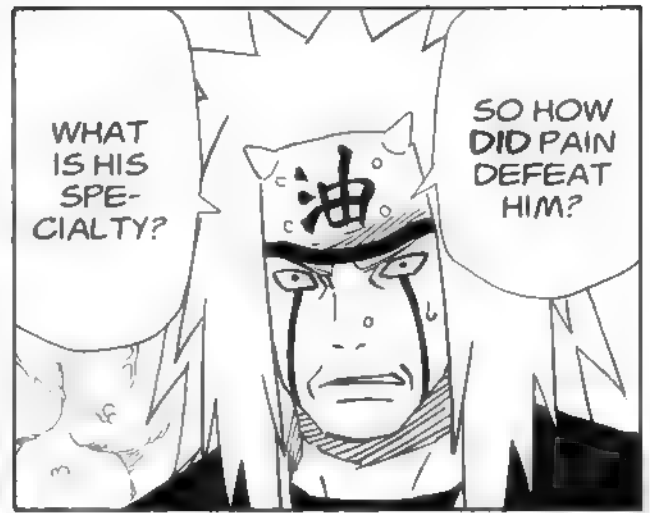
...AND
REQUIRED
FULL-BODY
FRISKS OF
ALL WHO AP-
PROACHED,
EVEN CHIL-
DREN.

HE
SURROUNDED
HIMSELF
WITH
GUARDS
24/7...

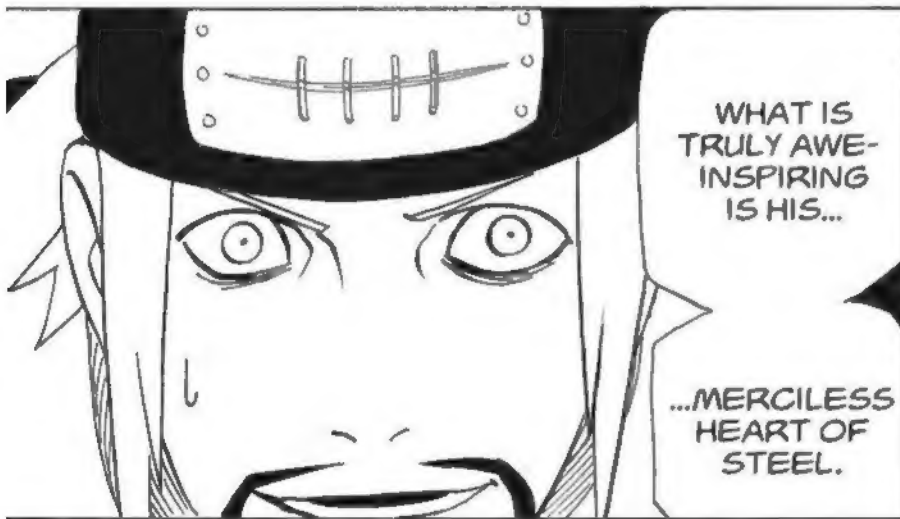


IT WAS
VERY
DIFFICULT
TO GET
NEAR
HIM.

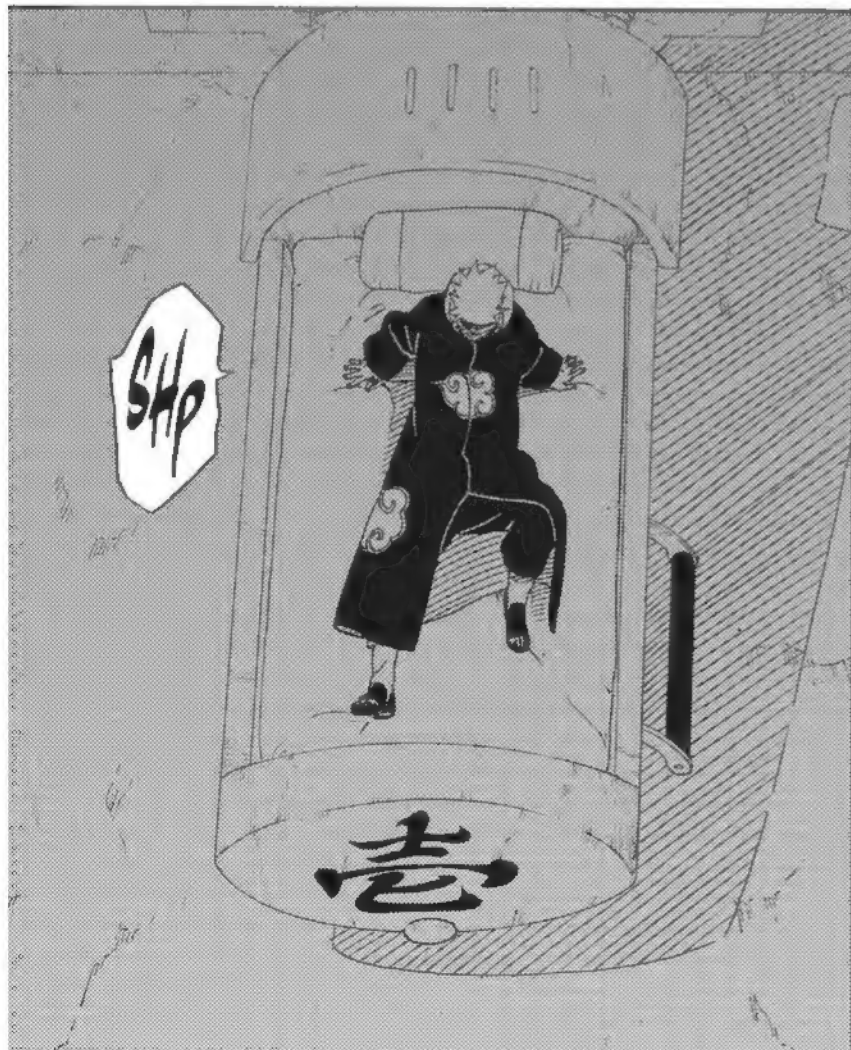
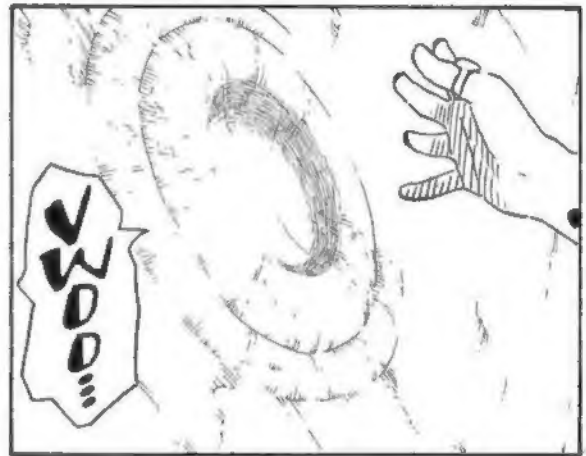
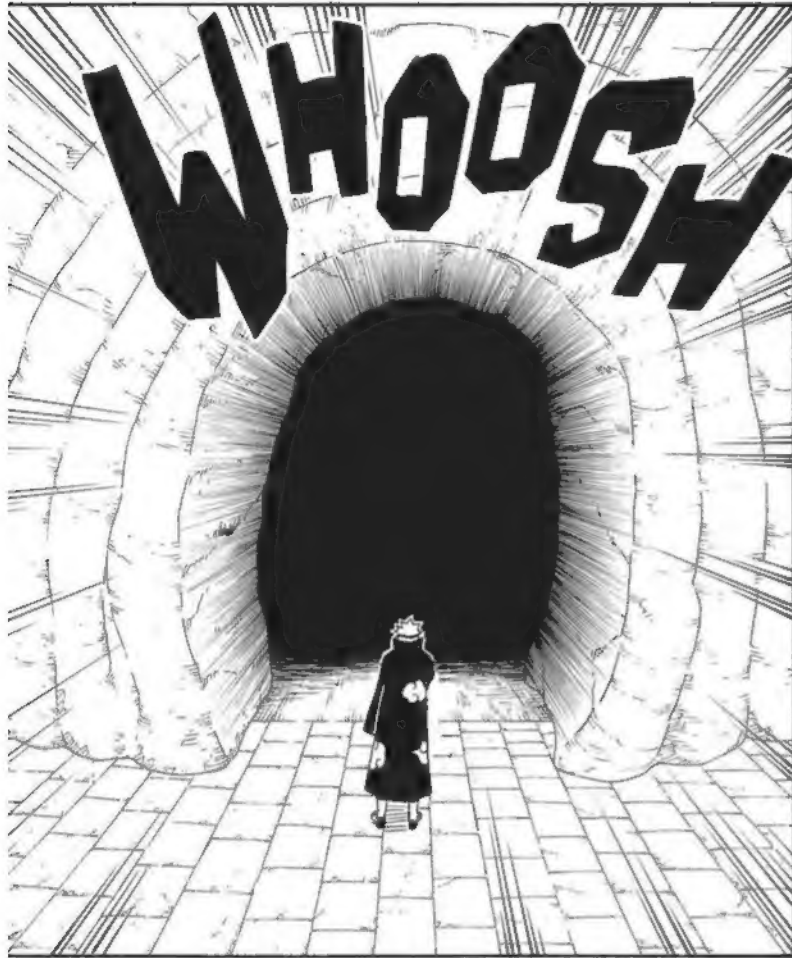
THAT'S
RIGHT... AND
HANZO WAS
VIGILANT,
EVEN GIVEN
HIS GREAT
ABILITIES.

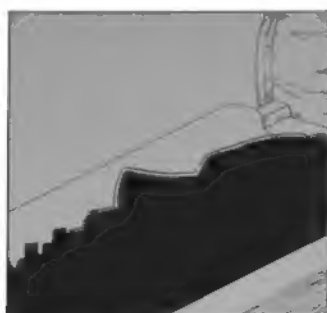
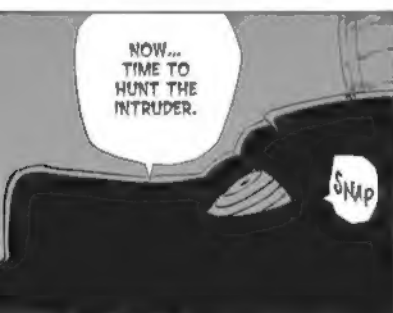
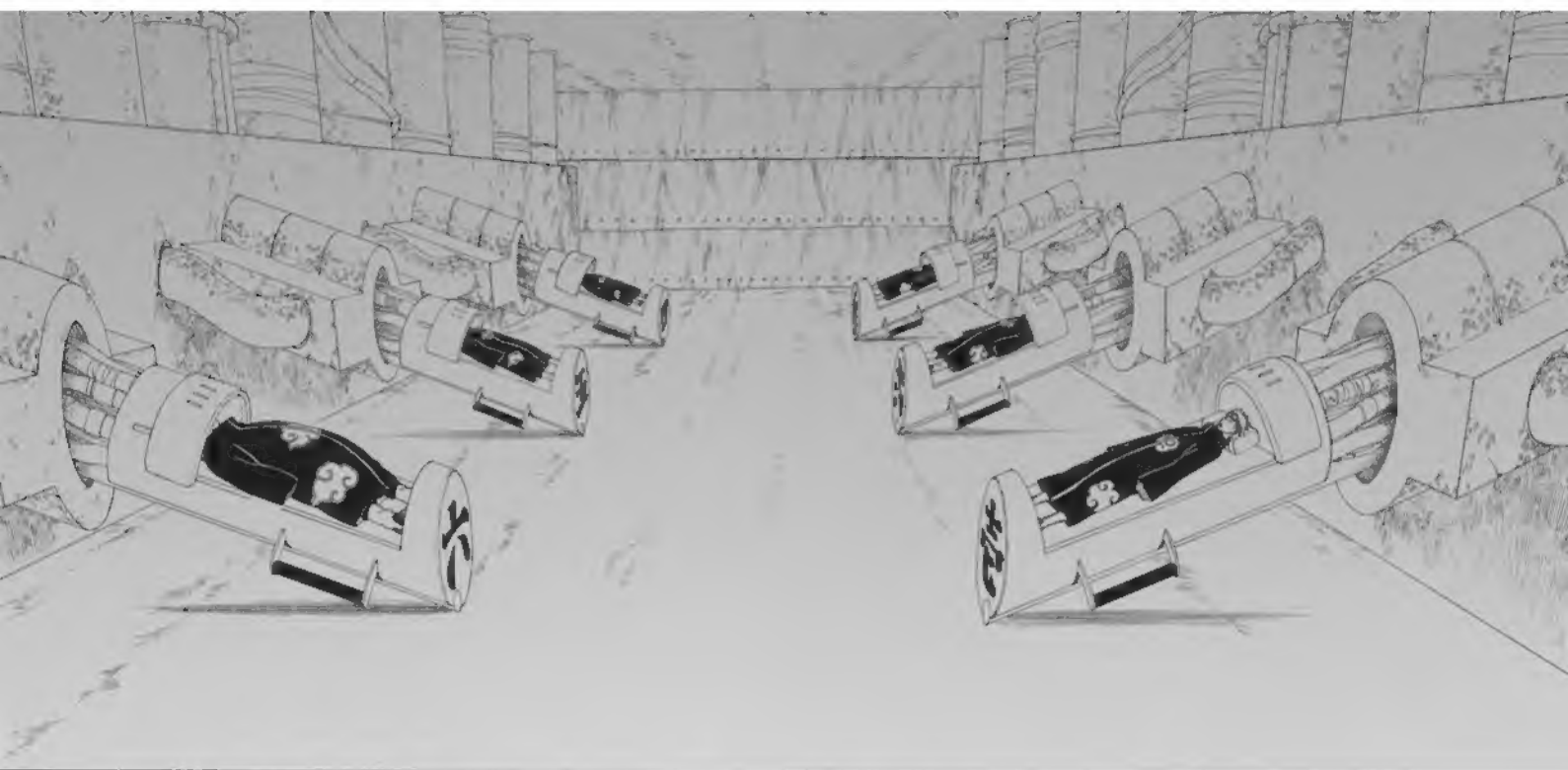




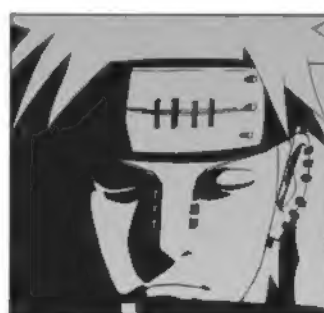








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